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1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion.
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3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
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FIRST DAY.

PRELIMINARY EXERCISES.

NILES, MICH., Sept. 13th, 1876, 9 A. M.

At 9 A. M. Bishop Gilbert Haven announced that prior to the formal opening of the Conference he would proceed to the administration of the Lord's supper to such as were minded to take the same.

He then read Luke XXII and gave out the 145th hymn which was sung, after which he consecrated the elements and administered the sacrament to those brethren whom he desired to assist him in the service. He then called upon W. H. Brockway, one of the three surviving members of the First session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to take charge of the exercises. After all who desired had communed he called upon W. H. Perrine to offer the closing prayer of the communion service.

REGULAR OPENING EXERCISES.

The Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Forty-first Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Niles, Michigan, at 10:10 A. M., Wednesday, September 13th 1876, Bishop Gilbert Haven in the chair.

The President read portions of Paul's First letter to Timothy, and gave out the 707th Hymn. After the hymn was sung Bishop Haven led in prayer.

G. B. Jocelyn, Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and one hundred and thirty-eight members responded. Two, N. Mount and L. Chatfield were reported "Asleep in Jesus." A quorum being present, the Conference was declared in session.

Geo. B. Jocelyn, was elected Secretary by acclamation with power to appoint his Assistants. Whereupon the following appointments were made:

A. R. Boggs, W. I. Cogshall and A. H. Gillet, Assistant Secretaries; M. I. Smith, Engrossing Secretary. Geo. L. Cole, Statistical Secretary, with the following District Statisticians as assistants, viz: Albion District, William Riley; Coldwater District, Ira R. A. Wightman; Kalamazoo District, G. L. Cole; Niles District, J. W. H. Carlisle; Grand Rapids District, J. A. Sprague; Ionia District, B. S. Mills; Lansing District, J. Gulick; Big Rapids District, N. Saunders; Pentwater District, J. N. Dayton; Grand Traverse District, W. H. Ware.

Bishop Haven announced to the Conference the serious illness of Bishop E. S. Janes, who according to the Episcopal plan was to preside over this Conference and farther stated that he had requested him, Bishop Haven, to preside in his place.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we have learned with pain of the illness of our senior Bishop, E. S. Janes and of his consequent inability to be present with us at this session of our Conference; that we hereby tender him our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement and affliction, and earnestly pray the great Head of the Church that his illness may be of short duration, and that he may be spared many years to labor for God and Methodism.

2. That we most cordially welcome the substitute whom he has sent, Bishop Gilbert Haven, in his first visit to our Conference, feeling confident that his visit will be both pleasant and profitable.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded—the first one by telegraph—to Bishop E. S. Janes.

GEO. B. JOCELYN,
D. D. GILLET,
A. J. ELDRED,
F. B. BANGS,
T. H. JACOKES,
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J. M. REID,

J. W. Reid was elected Treasurer of the Conference, with power to appoint his own assistants,—whereupon A. A. Knappen, G. W. Sherman and C. H. Maynard (a layman of Portland charge) were appointed assistant Treasurers, and I. R. A. Wightman Book-keeper.

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn all moneys of the Conference were directed to be paid to the Conference Treasurer.

Arthur Edwards, D. D., of the "Northwestern Christian Advocate," Daniel Curry, D. D., of the "National Repository," Wm. Graham from the New York Book Room, Luke Hitchcock D. D., of the Western Book Concern, Rev. M. P. Gaddis of the Cincinnati Conference and Mrs. J. F. Willing of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were severally introduced to the Conference.

Mrs. J. F. Willing made a few remarks concerning the ladies' work in the church.

The following named Committees were then announced and confirmed:

Board of Stewards:—J. H. McCarty, G. W. Hoag, N. M. Steele, L. W. Calkins, A. A. Rolfe, W. H. Ware, C. H. Howe, F. M. Deitz, A. C. Beach.

Committee on Education:—F. D. Hemenway, H. M. Joy, W. H. Perrine, R. C. Welch.

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Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts:—J. Hamilton, A. J. Wheeler, A. R. Boggs.

Committee on state of the Church:—I. Cogshall, G. E. Hollister, E. Cooley Jr.

Committee on Church Extension:—C. C. Olds, L. Tarr, F. B. Bangs.

Committee on Freedmen:—T. H. Jacokes, W. M. Colby, G. W. Gosling.

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Committee on Memoirs:—I. Cogshall, T. F. Hildreth, H. F. Spencer, R. C. Crawford, D. Burns.

On motion of J. M. Reid, the Districts were called, the Lay Delegates reported, recognized, and assigned to committees as follows:

Albion District, C. W. Boyce, to the Board of Stewards.

Coldwater District, P. H. Crippen, to the Board of Stewards, and William Allman to the Committee on Education.

Kalamazoo District, no lay Delegates.

Niles District, J. W. Hart to the Board of Stewards and Geo. S. Clapp to the Committee on Education.

Grand Rapids District, L. R. Atwater to the Committee on Church Extension and C. B. Moon to the Committee on Book Concern Accounts.

Ionia District, J. W. Griffith to Committee on Book Concern Accounts.

Lansing District, no lay Delegates.

Big Rapids District, Asahel Chase to the Board of Stewards, and Geo. Warren to the Committee on Church Extension.

Pentwater District, no lay Delegates.

Grand Traverse District, J. B. Haviland to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn, the Rules of Order of the last session of this Conference were adopted as the Rules of Order for this session.

Daniel Curry D. D., Editor of the "National Repository," addressed the Conference in the interests of that periodical.

During his address the time of the Conference session was extended.

At the close of his address the following Resolution, was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we have derived great pleasure from the visit of Rev. Dr. Curry to this Conference and have been greatly interested in his remarks concerning the "National Repository," of which he is the

Editor, and that we will canvass faithfully for this periodical and thus contribute our part towards its success, believing that we shall thereby be advancing the cause of God as well as the interests of sound literature.

J. M. REID.

J. H. POTTS.

Bishop Haven made some remarks on the subject cordially commending the "National Repository."

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn the subject was referred to the Committee on Periodicals, with instruction to report favorably thereon.

The Secretary of the Conference announced that the roads named below, had granted the courtesies named, as follows :

All members or visitors paying full fare over these roads will be returned free over them on the certificate of the Secretary : Grand Rapids and Indiana ; Detroit Lansing and Lake Michigan ; Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore ; Chicago and Lake Huron, and over the Michigan Central at one-fifth full fare.

The Conference by vote directed the Secretary to return thanks to the proper officers of these roads.

J. W. Reid, Conference Treasurer reported an error in the statistical blank from Rockford charge, and in the absence of the Preacher from that charge he was directed to make the necessary correction.

The announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by J. T. Robe, and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

NILES, Mich., Thursday, September 14th, 1876.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Haven in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by T. H. Jakokes.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called and twenty-six persons answered to their names. On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The following resolution was offered.

Resolved, That Bishop Haven, be and is hereby earnestly requested so to arrange the work of our Conference as to require only seven Presiding Elder Districts.

GEO. B. JOCELYN,
J. H. POTTS.

After considerable discussion and the offering of various amendments which were lost, the Ayes and Noes were called for, and the original motion was read and adopted as follows :

AYES :—E. D. Bacon, D. O. Ball, W. M. Ball, W. Barrett, G. S. Barnes, L. M. Bennett, A. R. Boggs, N. Bray, M. D. Carrell, J. W. Cawthorne, W. M. Colby, G. L. Cole, J. Clubine, W. M. Coplin, R. C. Crawford, W. Cogshall, G. Donaldson, G. C. Draper, L. W. Earl, C. H. Ellis, D. Engle, C. H. Fisher, C. S. Fox, T. T. George, A. H. Gillet, F. Glass, G. L. Haight, J. Hamilton, S. L. Hamilton, F. D. Hemenway, J. Hills, T. F. Hildreth, G. W. Hoag, J. Hoyt, G. E. Hollister, A. Hunsberger, F. N. Janes, George B. Jocelyn, H. D. Jordan, H. M. Joy, A. E. Ketchum, A. A. Knappen, T. Lyon, E. Marble, E. S. Mechesney, S. M. Merritt, A. D. Newton, J. R. Odin, C. C. Olds, L. H. Pearce, G. A. Phillips, W. Prouty, J. H. Potts, J. T. Ross, J. Roberts, A. A. Rolfe, M. V. Rork, G. W. Sherman, B. W. Smith, M. I. Smith, E. H. Sparling, H. F. Spencer, J. A. Sprague, S. Steele, W. J. Swift, I. B. Tallman, L. Tarr, C. G. Thomas, C. T. Van Antwerp, J. White, B. H. Whitman, I. R. A. Wightman, O. E. Wightman, S. S. Wilson, D. C. Woodard, H. Worthington, E. A. Whitwam, S. P. Warner, E. A. Young—79.

NOES :—J. M. Aikin, W. J. Aldrich, F. B. Bangs, C. L. Barnhart, D. F. Barnes, L. Bathrick, A. C. Beach, I. Bennett, F. I. Bell, W. H. Brockway, M. Browning, J. I. Buell, V. G. Boynton, L. W. Calkins, T. Clark, A. L. Crittenden, I. Cogshall, E. T. Cooley, Jr., J. N. Dayton, F. M. Deitz, B. F. Doughty, L. M. Edmonds, A. J. Eldred, N. Fassett, L. P. Ferguson, F. J. Freeman, J. P. Force, D. D. Gillet, L. J. Griffin, J. Graham, J. Gulick, H. Hall, J. S. Harder, H. P. Henderson, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hicks, J. T. Iddings, C. A. Jacokes, T. H. Jacokes, E. L. Kellogg, G. D. Lee, N. D. Marsh, L. Masters, U. Mason, J. J. McAllister, J. H. McCarty, B. S. Mills, J. W. Miller, G. L. Mount, A. P. Moors, W. M. Paddock, D. W. Parsons, H. C. Peck, W. H. Perrine, J. H. Pitzel, B. S. Pratt, Jno. M. Reid, J. W. Reid, W. Riley, J. M. Robinson, J. W. Robinson, A. J. Russell, N. Saunders, T. J. Spencer, J. K. Stark, N. M. Steele, W. R. Stinchcomb, E. A. Tanner, G. W. Tut-hill, J. A. VanFleet, J. S. Valentine, D. M. Ward, J. F. Wallace, J. Webster, J. E. White, J. W. White, S. C. Woodard—77.

On motion of D. D. Gillet the Presiding Elders were directed to present the question of the size of Presiding Elders' Districts to

their various Quarterly Conferences during the coming year and report the results to this Conference at its next session.

Luke Hitchcock, D. D., of the Western Book Concern, gave a statement with reference to the accounts. Rev. Jno. M. Arnold gave notice with reference to the accounts due the Methodist Book Depository at Detroit, and also addressed the Conference in the interests of the "Michigan Christian Advocate."

Arthur Edwards, D. D., Editor of the "Northwestern Christian Advocate" addressed the Conference in the interest of that paper.

The Secretary presented the following-named papers, which were referred as below :

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Albion College to the Committee on Education.

A letter from Rev. I. N. Elwood, of the Detroit Conference, with reference to a Sunday-School Congress, in this State to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

The circular of the Book Concern to the Committee on Periodicals.

A Circular from Garrett Biblical Institute to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The 10th Regular Question—Was the character of each preacher examined?—was taken up. I. Taylor, Presiding Elder of Albion District, was called, his character passed and he reported the condition of the work in his district. The names of the following Effective Elders in his district were called and their character passed. They reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: W. H. Perrine, J. H. McCarty, D. Engle, L. H. Pearce, C. G. Thomas, N. Fassett, C. C. Olds, J. H. Tanner, E. Wigle, T. H. Jacokes, A. L. Crittenden, A. Hunsberger, G. C. Draper, S. L. Hamilton, J. H. Ross, E. L. Kellogg, W. Riley, Thos. Lyon, E. D. Young, S. M. Merritt, U. Mason, E. Marble, G. B. Jocelyn, J. H. Hopkins, and R. C. Welch.

A. J. Eldred, Presiding Elder of Coldwater District, was called, his character passed and he reported the condition of the work in his district. The names of the following Effective Elders in his district were called and their characters passed. They reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: I. Cogshall, W. M. Paddock, G. L. Haight, J. T. Iddings, J. Graham, J. Clu-

bine, G. L. Cole, I. R. A. Wightman, E. D. Bacon, J. E. White, M. I. Smith, G. W. Tuthill, H. Hall, J. Webster, L. P. Ferguson, T. T. George, F. Gage, C. H. Ellis.

A. J. Eldred reported that H. H. Hall had returned from China broken in health, and he was placed on the superannuated list.

H. C. Peck, Presiding Elder of Kalamazoo District was called, and his character passed. He stated that owing to severe and long continued affliction in his family, he had been unable to prepare a written report. On motion of D. D. Gillet, he was requested to make a verbal report of the condition of the work on his district, and to furnish the Secretary a copy of it in writing to be filed.

The verbal report was made.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Bishop Haven is hereby requested to deliver his lecture, "The Gospel in Mexico," in this house this evening at 7:30.

H. M. JOY,
G. B. JOCELYN,
W. J. ALDRICH,
J. W. ROBINSON.

The Bishop appointed L. H. Pearce to secure subscribers for the "Quarterly Review."

The Committee on Public Worship was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

The announcements were made, the benediction was pronounced by J. H. McCarty and the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

NILES, Friday, Sept. 15, 1876.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M. Bishop Haven in the Chair. The religious exercises were conducted by R. C. Crawford. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes the work assigned to the Committee on Conference Claimants was referred to the Board of Stewards, and the Committee was discharged.

On motion of D. F. Barnes the Conference Treasurer was directed

to pay the Church Extension Funds to the Treasurer of the Michigan Conference Board of Church Extension.

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn, the Conference Treasurer was directed to pay the \$200.00 collected yesterday and last evening to Bishop Haven to be by him sent to the school at Waynesboro, Ga.

James Hamilton from the Committee on Sunday schools and Tracts presented the following report which on motion was adopted :

To the Michigan Annual Conference :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the communication touching the appointments of a Committee by this body, to co-operate with a similar committee appointed by the Detroit Annual Conference at its last session, to provide for the holding of a Sabbath school Congress during the Conference year, the Joint Committee to have charge of all the arrangements; would respectfully report in favor of the appointment of such Committee and would nominate for this position Revs. H. M. Joy of Niles, W. J. Aldrich of Jackson. Levi Tarr, of Big Rapids, and Messrs. J. S. Tuttle of Niles, and J. H. Pilcher of Jackson,

Respectfully Submitted,
JAMES HAMILTON, { Com.
A. R. BOGGS, }

I. Cogshall stated that the Conference could draw on D. F. Barnes, Treasurer of the Parkhurst Fund, for twenty-six dollars and fifty cents interest. The draft was made and placed in the hands of J. H. McCarty, Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Bishop Haven stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars. The draft was drawn and placed in the hands of J. H. McCarty.

QUESTION 10—Was the character of each Preacher examined?—was resumed. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: H. F. Spencer, J. W. Miller, H. H. Parker, J. E. White, J. W. White, T. Clark, W. Barrett, D. M. Ward, L. W. Earl, A. E. Ketcham, J. Boynton, E. H. Day, J. S. Valentine, J. H. Potts, G. W. Hoag, C. T. VanAntwerp, R. C. Crawford, S. S. Wilson, E. S. Mechesney, S. P. Hewitt, F. D. Hemenway.

J. W. Robinson, Presiding Elder of Niles District was called, his character passed, and he reported the condition of the work in his District. The names of the following Effective Elders were

called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: W. J. Aldrich, A. J. Russell, F. I. Bell, G. W. Gosling, G. S. Barnes, Wm. Prouty, G. C. Elliot, S. C. Woodard, A. T. Gray, J. K. Stark, J. P. Force, I. B. Tallman, D. Burns, N. M. Steele, E. H. Sparling, J. W. H. Carlisle, John Hoyt, G. S. Hicks, Jno. M. Reid.

D. F. Barnes, Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids District, was called, his character passed and he reported the condition of the work in his District. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: T. F. Hildreth, G. D. Lee, J. A. Sprague, G. W. Sherman, M. Browning, T. Cleg-horn, B. H. Whitman, A. Rogers, L. W. Calkins, C. H. Fisher, L. Masters, C. L. Barnhart, F. Glass, L. Bathrick, N. D. Marsh.

J. Hulin was granted a superannuated relation, and E. Hayes was announced as transferred to Columbia River Conference.

J. I. Buell, Presiding Elder of Ionia District was called, his character passed, and he reported the condition of the work on his District. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed, they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: H. M. Joy, A. R. Boggs, J. W. Reid, S. P. Warner, A. J. Wheeler, J. Roberts, N. Bray, W. M. Ball, B. S. Mills, G. E. Hollister, G. A. Phillips, S. Kitzmiller, T. J. Spencer, J. Hills, J. F. Wallace.

F. B. Bangs, Presiding Elder of Lansing District was called, his character passed, and he reported the condition of the work on his District. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: E. Cooley, Jr., A. A. Rolfe, A. A. Knappen, C. S. Fox, W. Doust, J. Gulick, J. Hamilton, D. D. Gillet, H. D. Jordan, N. L. Brockway, J. R. Cadwell, B. S. Pratt, D. C. Woodard, W. J. Swift, C. A. Jacokes, J. S. Harder, B. W. Smith, F. J. Freeman.

H. P. Henderson, Presiding Elder of Big Rapids District was called, his character passed and he reported the condition of the work on his District. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: L. Tarr, A. C.

Beach, N. Saunders, W. I. Cogshall, Geo. Donaldson, D. O. Ball, J. Marzolf, J. R. Odin, H. N. Hall.

L. M. Edwards, Presiding Elder of Pentwater District was called, his character passed and he reported the condition of the work on his District.

Rev. Dr. Eddy of the Presbyterian Church at Niles, Rev. Geo. M. Tuthill Agent of the American Bible Society for the state of Michigan, and Rev. Samuel Bacon of North Indiana Conference were introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 4—Who are admitted into full Connection?—was taken up. Lafayette Dodds, Wesley A. Hunsberger, James H. Thomas, William L. Tilden, Orrin B. Whitmore, and Jonathan M. Whitney were called forward, addressed by the Bishop with reference to the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were asked the disciplinary questions required of those who are to be received into full Connection.

They were also asked if they, or any of them used tobacco and one responded he used it by the advice of his physician, medicinally, and was advised by the Bishop to change his physician.

They were also asked if any of them were ready, if needed, to go into any Missionary Field the Church may yet call them to—Two, W. L. Tilden and Jonathan M. Whitney replied in the affirmative.

During these exercises the time of the Conference session was extended.

At the close of these exercises the Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, the benediction pronounced by J. H. Potts, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

NILES, Saturday, September 16th, 1876.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Haven in the chair. The religious services were conducted by J. H. McCarty. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

S. P. Warner, to whom had been paid the \$47.07 allowed Mrs. G. L. Gilbert, \$33.00 of which was to be used by him in paying the funeral expenses of G. L. Gilbert, presented receipts showing that the money had been disposed of according to the direction of the Conference.

QUESTION 3—Who remain on trial?— was taken up.

Jas. E. Bayliss was reported "asleep in Jesus," William E. Newton had been transferred by Bishop Scott to the Ionia Conference. The Secretary read a letter from Brother Newton stating that he had arrived in his new home, and was at work. The names of the following persons were called. They reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: [No names given.]

The report of the Committee on Examination was heard, they were severally represented by their Presiding Elders and continued on trial: Robert H. Bready, Amos M. Gould, Chauncey Van Auken.

QUESTION 4—Who are admitted into full connection?— was resumed. The names of the following persons were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: With reference to them the Report of the Committee on Examination was heard; they were represented by their Presiding Elders, were received into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders: Lafayette Dodds, Wesley A. Hunsberger, James H. Thomas, William L. Tilden, Orrin B. Whitmore, Jonathan M. Whitney.

QUESTION 6,— Who are Deacons of the Second Class?—was taken up, and the names of the following persons were called, their characters passed and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections. The report of the Committee of Examinations was heard in each case, and they were severally represented by their Presiding Elders: Fred N. Janes, James M. Robinson (not examined in Logic), Oramel E. Wightman. (not examined in Logic), Jno. J. McAllister, Edward A. Whitman.

Jno. W. Hallenbeck, owing to sickness in his family was not before the Committee of Examination, his character passed and he was continued a Deacon of the First class.

On motion of I. Taylor the Conference appointed the following

persons a Committee on Olivet Church : I. Cogshall, C. S. Fox. W. H. Brockway, A. J. Russell, S. P. Warner.

QUESTION 7,—Who have been elected and ordained Elders?—was taken up. The following named persons were called, their characters passed and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants Collections. The report of the Committee of Examination was heard, they were severally represented by their Presiding Elders, and they were elected to Elders Orders : Albert D. Newton, William R. Stinchcomb, Edward A. Tanner, Morton D. Carrell, James M. Aikin.

When the name of Jno. W. Hollowell was called, it was stated that he had not been before the Committee, as his health was poor. He was continued as a Deacon of the Second Class and placed on the list of the superannuated and by vote strongly commended to the Board of Stewards.

When the name of Martin V. Rork was called his Presiding Elder said there was complaint against him for heresy.

On motion of A. J. Eldred his case was referred to the following Committee appointed by the Bishop : Jno. M. Reid, F. D. Hemenway, T. H. Jacokes, A. L. Crittenden, H. F. Spencer.

QUESTION 21,—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?—was taken up. Charles W. Pearson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Simpson Church, Chicago District, Rock River Conference ; Marshall M. Callen, recommended by the District Conference of Ionia District ; Ephraim S. Holm, recommended by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Evanston, Chicago District, Rock River Conference, after the report of Committee of Examination, and representation were heard, were elected to Deacon's Orders.

Marshall M. Callen, A. J. Kynett, D. D. Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, Rev. George M. Boyd, Rev. John Boyd of Northwest Ind. Conference and Rev. A. W. Lamport of the North Indiana Conference, Rev. John Atkinson of Rock River Conference, and William Harper were introduced to the Conference.

William Harper, recommended by Kalamazoo District, after

NOTE.—The words in brackets on page 16 were inserted by the printer. The paragraph should not have been broken, and would then have given the correct answer to Question 3. Ionia Conf., on same page, should read India.—SEC'Y.

report of Committee of Examination and representations were heard was elected to Elders Orders.

Luke Hitchcock D. D. of the Western Book Concern said a few words about notes, accounts, the "National Repository," "Golden Hours" and "Northwestern Christian Advocate."

The Parchments of Augustus W. Torrey as Deacon and Elder were surrendered by H. C. Peck, and filed with the Secretary of the Conference.

The Report of Book Committee and Exhibit of Book Concerns, New York and Cincinnati for 1875 and a Paper from the Agents at Cincinnati with reference to the support of the Bishops were presented and referred to the Committee on Book Concern Accounts.

H. C. Peck, was excused until Monday, to attend funeral of his father.

T. J. Spencer was excused on account of business matters.

Rev. George M. Tuthill, Agent of the American Bible Society addressed the Conference in the interests of that Society.

George B. Jocelyn presented the following resolution which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference hold two sessions on to-morrow Sunday Sept. 17, 1876, one at 9, A. M. and the other at 3, P. M. for the purposes of Ordination and Memorial services, and such other religious exercises as may be deemed proper.

A. J. Eldred presented the official request of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Ransom Circuit, Coldwater District to have the Parchments of Jno. Audrige, a Local Deacon, who had withdrawn from the church but has now rejoined it, restored to him.

The request was, on motion granted, and his parchment as Deacon placed in the hand of A. J. Eldred.

J. M. Reid, Corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society addressed the Conference in the interest of Missions.

The Bishop presented the following paper for the action of the Conference:

Resolved, That with the concurrence of three-fourths of all the members, of the several Annual Conferences, who shall be present and voting, the second Restrictive Rule, paragraph 94, of the Discipline, be amended by striking out the words "forty-five," in the fifth line of the paragraph, and inserting the word "ninety-nine" so that the paragraph shall read:

94. They shall not allow of, more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members, of the Annual Conference, nor allow of a less number than one for every ninety-nine, nor more than two lay delegates, for any Annual Conference; Provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be, in any Annual Conference, a fraction of two-thirds, the number which shall be fixed, for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction, and provided also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one delegate.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to present this proposed alteration to the several Annual Conferences, and report the result to the General Conference of 1880.

G. B. Jocelyn moved that this Conference concur in the action of the General Conference, and the motion prevailed by a vote of one hundred and twenty-one for and one against.

The Bishop also presented the following: and on motion of T. H. Jacokes it was made the order of the day for Monday 9, A. M:

Resolved, That we direct the Bishops to present the question of suspending the third Restrictive Rule so as to allow the Annual Conferences to determine the number of districts, provided that no Conference shall have less than two districts nor more than eight, and no district have more than sixty charges; and report the result of the action to the next General Conference.

R. C. Crawford presented an appeal on a question of Law, from the decision of H. C. Peck P. E. of Kalamazoo District.

Attention was called by D. F. Barnes to that paragraph of the Discipline (§ 88) which directs that a "copy of the record of District Conferences shall be sent to the ensuing Annual Conference" and after some discussion, on motion of T. H. Jacokes, I. Bennett, J. H. Ross and S. P. Warner were appointed a Committee to examine and report on the disposition of said District Conference Records.

On motion the time of the session was extended.

T. F. Hildreth, appointed at the last session of this Conference to report a "plan for determining the number of minutes to be published and the method of paying for them," presented the following report:

Your Committee on a plan for determining the number of minutes to be published and a method of paying for them, beg leave to report; that having examined, and considered several plans, find none, which in its judgment, is preferable to the one by which we have formerly published and paid for our minutes.

T. F. HILDRETH.

C. H. Ellis moved that the Secretary have the usual number—2,500—published and that he be directed to call the roll on next Monday, to ascertain how many copies each member would take, and that in the mean time E. H. Day and Jno. M. Arnold be and are hereby appointed a Committee to solicit for said minutes.

The following resolution was presented and adopted :

Resolved, That, hereafter, when each pastor makes his report on moneys received for missions and superannuates, prior to the passage of his character, that he be also required to state whether or not his Statistical Reports have been made and handed to the Statistical Secretary and that his character do not pass until said reports have been handed in.

W. J. ALDRICH,
H. F. SPENCER.

The Bishop appointed Horace Hall to preside at the morning session of the Conference to-morrow, and T. H. Jacokes to preside at the afternoon session.

The announcements were made, the Doxology sung, the benediction pronounced by L. W. Earl and the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

NILES, Sunday, Sept. 17, 1876.

The Conference met at 9, A. M. Horace Hall in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. Hymn 472 was sung and D. D. Gillet led in prayer. The services of the Conference love feast were then held.

At 10:30 A. M. Bishop Haven took the chair, D. D. Gillet read the 206th Hymn which was sung and A. J. Eldred led in prayer. The 207th Hymn was sung, after which Bishop Haven announced as his text : " The light of the body is the eye ; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness ?" *Matt. vi* : 22—23.

After the sermon, occurred the ordaining of those elected as Deacons. W. H. Brockway presented unto the Bishop the following named persons to be ordained Deacons: Marshall M. Callen, Lafayette Dodds, Ephraim S. Holm, Wesley A. Hunsberger, Charles W. Pearson James H. Thomas, William L. Tilden, Orrin B. Whitman, Jonathan M. Whitney.

H. M. Joy read the Epistle 1st Tim. iii: 8—13. Bishop Haven propounded the usual questions and then severally ordained each one of them "to execute the office of a Deacon in the church of God." L. M. Edmunds read the Gospel, Luke xii: 35—38, and the Bishop led in the closing prayer. The announcements were made, the Doxology sung, the benediction was pronounced by H. Penfield and the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

NILES, Sunday, Sept. 17, 1876.

The Conference met at 3, P. M. T. H. Jacokes in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop.

The memorial service occurred as follows:

H. F. Spencer read the Epistle, 1st Cor. xv: 41—58 I Cogshall announced Hymn 1076. After it was sung, Horace Hall led in prayer. "All is well" was sung by the choir, and T. H. Jacokes made a few preliminary remarks. G. L. Cole, then gave the following Memoir of Mrs. Eliza R. Deitz, wife of Rev. F. M. Deitz.

MEMOIR OF MRS. ELIZA R. DEITZ.

Mrs. Eliza R. Deitz wife of Rev. F. M. Deitz of the Michigan Annual Conference, daughter of Augustus H. and Susan M. Inwood was born near South Bend, Ind., in the year of 1853, and came with her parents while yet a child to Northport, Mich., where under the pastorate of F. M. Deitz, she made a public profession of religion and joined the M. E. Church of that place, of which she was a consistent member until removed by letter to the charge in which she died. She was married to Rev. F. M. Deitz by Rev. G. L. Cole, at her father's residence Sept. 1st. 1875. She fell asleep in Jesus at the parsonage in Monroe Centre, June 9th 1876.

D. F. Barnes presented the following Memoir of J. E. Bayliss, and accompanied it with a few remarks.

MEMOIR OF J. E. BAYLISS.

Rev. J. E. Bayliss, the subject of this memoir, was born in Wales, Genessee Co. N. Y. Sept. 18th, 1841. He died Oct. 5th 1875, at his home in the city of Grand Rapids. He was, therefore, a little over thirty-four years of age at his death. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church while in his twelfth year. Ever after this he lived a life of singular fidelity and devotion.

He filled several offices in the church, and in every instance with great faithfulness and efficiency. In his business life he was upright and honorable, careful always that his every-day life should, by its integrity, dignity and purity, properly represent the religion of Jesus. In September, 1863 he was married to Miss E. H. Blakely of Aurora, N. Y. The union proved a happy one, and their married life was one of uninterrupted joy.

Their home was a model of neatness, quietness and Christian peace. For ten years Bro. Bayliss had been under the conviction that he ought to devote his life to the work of the Christian Ministry.

His wife hesitated about making such sacrifices as would be demanded, and disliked to assume such weighty responsibilities as the position must necessarily bring to her.

Some eight months before his death, both himself and wife received a most wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit. There was no longer hesitancy. The struggle was ended. All objections were withdrawn. The consecration was complete. Both were most desirous to enter upon the mission of saving souls, for which each nature seemed admirably adapted. He wrote a dear friend after preaching his first sermon : " I was never so happy in my life."

He was received on trial at the last session of this Conference, and appointed to Grandville. He spent but one Sabbath with this people.

The baptism which he had received was not so much to fit him for his work here, as for his home yonder. After a brief illness he was not, for " God took him." Thus closed the earthly career of a nature, at once pure, patient, unselfish, loving, sympathetic, sensitive, tender, devoted.

It seems proper to add to these few lines the following beautiful Consecration Covenant, which was found among his papers, and supposed to have been written a few weeks before his death :

" I humbly consecrate to Almighty God, my entire being, and all my interests in a Covenant never to be broken. I give into his care my family, to do for and with them, as seems good in his sight. I recognize his claims on the little money I have in possession. I can not give it to him, for it has always been his. If He sees best to take it from me, and give it to a more faithful steward, I will submit in the love of Christ my Lord. I humbly submit my will to the will of

God, so that I will do willingly anything He requires of me, so far as duty is made known to me, and this I do because the love of Christ constraineth me."

"On his part God has promised to cast out none who come to Him in the name of Jesus, but that He will save to the uttermost all who come unto Him by Jesus, and these promises I believe, and I believe that he now accepts me, for Jesus Christ's sake"

And so he died, having written this beautiful testimony, as he supposed for no eye to see but his own and God's.

J. W. Robinson read the following memoir of N. Mount, after which A. J. Eldred followed in a few remarks, during which he spoke of the death of Wm. Bort late one of the leading laymen of Niles :

MEMOIR OF REV. NATHAN MOUNT.

On the 8th day of February 1876, after a brief illness at the parsonage in Berrien Springs, Rev. Nathan Mount, pastor of that charge closed his earthly labors in the 56th year of his age.

Bro. Mount was born in Harrisburg, Western Virginia, came to Michigan with his parents in 1835, experienced converting grace in the 13th year of his age; was licensed to preach in 1840, and joined the Michigan Conference on trial in 1841. His first appointment was Lyons; next Rochester colony; then he located, three years after which, he re-entered the itinerant ministry in the same Conference, and was successively appointed to Gilead, Rome, Litchfield, Girard, Osseo, Moscow, Mason, Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Matherton, Lowell, Rockford, Sparta Center, Berlin, Dayton, and Berrien Springs. To the latter charge he had been appointed for the third year. On most of these charges he remained two years, and his labors were largely blessed in winning souls to Christ. During his ministry of about thirty-three years, he took into the church upon probation about 2,500 persons. The object of his preaching seemed to be not fame or worldly fortune but the salvation of souls.

The thousands who knew our departed brother will agree with us in saying that he was an eminently pure minded Christian man, genial friend and faithful minister of the Gospel.

He was married to Miss Matilda Sessions, September 28th, 1843, and together they shared the trials and triumphs of pioneer itinerant life.

Bro. Mount's last days and hours were gloriously triumphant. He had toiled, wept and prayed for the salvation of the people of Berrien Springs for more than two years; at last his desire was realized, a gracious reformation swept the place. Scores had been converted and the work was still going on, when the captain of the host was seized by disease. His last sermon was preached January 24th. At the

close of the meeting on the evening of January 26th he called upon all present to join him in a reconsecration to God and then led in prayer, which was the last time his voice was heard in public, and that sermon and prayer, such a prayer too as seemed to bring himself and congregation right up into the presence of God, can never be forgotten by those who heard them, but we trust that the most effective sermon of his life was that which flowed from his silent lips, as the multitude for the last time looked upon the encoffined mortality of their beloved pastor. During his last illness he was perfectly resigned, peaceful, triumphant. If it had pleased God it would also have pleased him to be permitted to take into the Church the many who desired to enjoy that privilege at his hands, but he will be in waiting to greet them in the upper sanctuary.

The prayer of his life was granted, he fell at his post, at the front,—“Victorious his fall, for he rose as he fell.” His beloved companion, son, daughter, and multitudes of friends all over this peninsula are enabled to see through their tears. “The gate that’s left ajar” for them.

T. H. Jacokes read Hymn 1086. After it was sung, J. W. Reid read the following Memoir of L. Chatfield, which was followed by a few remarks from R. C. Crawford and F. B. Bangs.

MEMOIR OF REV. L. CHATFIELD.

Portland, Michigan, where Rev. Larmon Chatfield had his home during the effective years of his ministry, where in peaceful contemplation his declining days were spent, and where his form now reposes in the quiet sleep of death, mourns in every one of her homes with a tender sorrow, the loss of Father Chatfield.

In his death earthly Methodism yields to the Church triumphant one of its most efficient pioneers. In our recollection he is associated with many powerful religious services at quarterly and camp meetings, from 1840 to 1850. He was born in Windham, Greene county, New York, where his parents owned a small farm. His early years were spent in hard work upon the farm, he being the only child capable of assisting the father in his labors. His parents were unable to give their son but a few months of schooling in the then rude district school of the neighborhood, and this, with a short course of Academic training which he earned in after years for himself, constituted his school education; yet so well did the ambitious youth profit by even these limited advantages, that in the days of his pulpit power no man was more accurate in the use of language. He knew what words meant, and had rare skill in fitting them into terse sentences to express his earnest thoughts. His parents were members of the Presbyterian church, and firm, intelligent believers in the

doctrines of that church. Yet in his early boyhood he manifested a dislike for the tenets of John Calvin, and early sought every opportunity to play truant at the church where his staid father, the deacon, worshipped, and hastened away to the more congenial meeting house of the then despised Methodists. His heart was touched with the fervent preaching of the Methodists, and he early sought and found the Saviour. In latter years when enfeebled by age and his exposures in the ministry, his mind lost some of its cunning; but his invariable testimony was "I gave my heart to Jesus when but a boy." However, for a time as he approached manhood, he lost his hope in Christ, and, as he expressed it, "Fell from grace, my brethren," until under the preaching of the Elder Bangs, at the age of twenty-two he renewed his covenant with God and joined the Methodist church.

Always of a religious turn of mind, he thought out those fundamental doctrines of Christianity for himself, and searching the word of God for authority stored his mind with the truths he found therein—truths which in after years proved their value in his matchless controversial discourses upon Calvinism, the Doctrine of Decrees, Reprobation, and the Final Perseverance of the Saints. He was emphatically a doctrinal preacher, who would in a sermon of an hour or more, probe to the bottom the fallacies of Calvinism, Unitarianism, and Universalism.

Immediately after joining the M. E. Church, he entered upon the work of the ministry, was licensed as an exhorter, and took his first work as a subordinate in the old Ohio Conference of 1835, and was sent to Mount Clemens. In 1836 his name appears in the Mansfield Conference Minutes, and he was sent to Plymouth and there he was married to a Miss Lorimer. She left his side in six or eight months to join the hosts of the redeemed. In the year 1838 he was sent to Lyons charge, then embracing the territory now covered by the thriving town of Portland. Here he assisted at the funeral of Philo Bogue in 1839, and two years later was married to Mrs. Eliza Bogue by Rev. Allen Staples of blessed memory. Serving two years upon the Lyons circuit, he was then appointed Presiding Elder of the Shiawassee District. Four years of district work, travelling from Grand Haven to Saginaw, proved his efficiency, and at the expiration of his term here, he was sent as Presiding Elder to the Adrian District.

Here he lived at Adrian for three years; poorly paid, but laying upon the hearts of the people such grand truths that far and near there remains indelibly fixed in the minds of those who heard him, profound impressions of the preaching of Larmon Chatfield.

In the year 1848 his health failed him, and he was placed upon the list of Superannuates. Two and a half years later his health improving, he was re-admitted and appointed to Lansing charge serving the charge two years, he was, in the fall of 1853 transferred to Rock Riv-

er Conference and stationed at Rockford, Illinois. In 1854 he returned to the Michigan Conference, and was at his own request located.

At the session of the Conference held at Three Rivers, in 1868, he was re-admitted, and then granted a superannuated relation. This was his last appearance at the seat of the Conference. You will remember how, when the name of Larmon Chatfield was called among the list of worn-out preachers, the old man rose from his place and with feeble steps and bent form came to the altar of the church upon which he had consecrated his life's best powers and there received at the hands of his brethren that offering of love which a grateful people annually bestow upon their worn-out men. Thence he turned away from your altars, and annual associations, and glorious ministry to patiently wait the upward call of his divine Lord. Since that Conference of 1868 his life has been passed in communion with God and the quiet associations of home. Yet let me assure you, brethren, though, with declining years there came a weakening of his mental powers he has never forgotten you, nor the Christ who brought his pardon with his own precious blood.

Other things seemed to fade away in the distance of the past, as his feet neared the eternal hills; but when at the last, earth passed away from his vision, and heavenly sights came to view, looking back, his last lingering gaze and effort of mind was upon you, my brethren, and the cross of his Christ, and then the glory for him began. In his last days, "my boys," "my brethren," were words often upon his lips.

His memory failed him of certain men and times and events, but in his wanderings of mind he lived in the presence of the past. The dead were with him again. Again he gathered in annual Conference—and in his consciousness—Hiram Law was there, again he looked upon Wm. C. Comfort, Benjamin Sabin, Joseph Jennings, George Smith, and out from the graves of the departed came for him, the champions of the past and these mingling with the living, gave to him a strange Conference of ministers such as no other human eye ever looked upon.

He knew in his last days no man dead, to him they lived in a glorious fellowship. Thus upon this wonderful Conference of the living and the dead, his last lingering, loving look fell as his triumphant soul sang

"The earth recedes, it disappears
Heaven opens on my eyes;
My ears with sounds seraphic ring
Lend lend your wings,
I mount, I fly,
O, grave where is thy victory,
O, Death where is thy sting?"

By order of the Conference J. H. Potts furnished the following

MEMOIR OF REV. ELISHA HOUSE:

The subject of this brief sketch was born in Vermont, August 28th, 1786. He was converted in 1803; licensed to preach by Rev. Arman Owen in 1807; ordained deacon at Barnard, Vermont, by Bishop Asbury in 1811, and elder by Bishop Roberts in 1818 at Lansing, N. Y. On May 5th, 1805 he was married to Miss Lydia Sabin, of Sherburne, N. Y., with whom he lived fifty-nine years, and who bore him nine children, two of whom are yet living. In 1843, he came to Michigan, settling in PawPaw. He has supplied several charges in this State with acceptability, Kalamazoo and Lansing being among the number. He published two or three books on controversial subjects in which department he evinced great power. He was a strong preacher, being logical rather than rhetorical, though sometimes rising to the highest summit of pulpit eloquence. He was modern in his views being a large reader and progressive thinker. He was active up to within a few weeks of his death when he received a fall which rendered him helpless. He bore his sufferings patiently, coming down to the river of death with perfect calmness and fortitude. He was conscious to the last, though sometimes nothing but the word "Jesus" would rouse him to expressions of thought. He folded his own hands across his breast and almost without a struggle yielded his spirit to God. His death occurred Tuesday, 11:30 A. M., June 13th, 1876.

SIXTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

NILES, Monday, Sept. 18th, 1876.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. C. C. Olds in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. N. Fassett conducted the religious services.

The minutes of the sessions of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved.

J. H. Potts was appointed to prepare a memoir of Rev. Elisha House for publication in the Conference minutes.

D. D. Gillet presented the following preamble and resolutions, which on motion of W. H. Brockway were laid on the Table:

Whereas, God's Providence is opening before His Church a pathway to all the peoples of the world, thereby enforcing anew His call to "preach the Gospel to every creature,"

And Whereas, All the activities, and all the energies of the entire membership of the Church of the Master, are commanded by Him to this work and have been hitherto, as they are still, owned of him in it,

And Whereas, It is claimed in the administration of the Methodist Episcopal Church that there is no authority to license a woman to preach the Gospel,

Therefore Resolved, As members of the Michigan Annual Conference we will untiringly exert ourselves to the utmost to place upon the record a clear and full warrant for the license of proper women to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Resolved, That until relieved by proper legislation from present embarrassment we will continue to countenance and encourage those brave helpmeets in the kingdom and patience of the Lord Jesus, who, owned of Him—crowned alike by rich and varied experiences, and by rare and multiplied successes, with the evident sanction of the Head of the Church as co-workers with Himself. We will welcome them to our pulpits with devout thanksgiving, we will cordially invite them to aid us in the common endeavor to bring this world to Christ.

D. D. GILLET,

I. COGSHALL,

F. B. BANGS,

C. C. OLDS,

J. W. REID,

E. H. DAY,

G. S. BARNES,

H. HALL,

GEO. B. JOCELYN,

G. C. ELLIOTT,

T. H. JACOKES,

R. C. CRAWFORD,

A. A. KNAPPEN,

L. M. EDMONDS,

H. F. SPENCER,

C. H. ELLIS,

I. R. A. WIGHTMAN,

The special order of the Day,—the consideration of the suspension of the 31 Restrictive Rule as requested by the General Conference was taken up.

D. D. Gillet moved that this Conference do approve the change. After some considerable discussion, the question was taken and lost by a vote of none for and one hundred and forty-seven against.

QUESTION 10—Was the character of each Preacher examined?—was resumed. The names of the following Effective Elders were called their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' collections: W. M. Colby, J. N. Dayton A. H. Gillet, L. J. Griffin, D. W. Parsons, G. L. Mount, C. Chick, J. A. Van Fleet, C. H. Howe.

E. C. Chambers was continued as Superannuate.

When the name of W. H. Sparling was called L. M. Edmonds reported, that there was nothing against his moral character, and

that he had withdrawn from the M. E. Church and ministry, and he placed his parchments as Deacon and Elder in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference.

A. P. Moors, P. E. of Grand Traverse District was called, his character passed, and he made a report of the condition of the work on his district. The names of the following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their Missionary and Conference Claimants' Collections: H. Worthington, D. R. Latham, W. H. Ware, F. M. Deitz.

QUESTION 3—Who remain on Trial?—was resumed. The name of John P. Williams was called, and on motion he was discontinued.

QUESTION 7—Who have been elected and ordained Elders?—was resumed. The name of Martin V. Rork was called and T. H. Jacokes from the Committee of inquiry reported "that the Committee are satisfied that in the future M. V. Rork will endeavor to conform in his utterances to the spirit and doctrines of the M. E. Church, and therefore suggest the passage of his character." After several motions, a motion to lay the report on the table prevailed.

On motion of A. J. Eldred a Committee of three of which H. C. Peck should be chairman, was appointed to prefer charges against M. V. Rork. Bishop Haven appointed to complete the Committee A. J. Eldred and C. S. Fox.

QUESTION 8—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—was taken up, and T. H. Bignall, W. H. Brockway, W. W. Johnson, Joseph Jones, were continued as supernumerary Preachers.

A. J. Kynett, D. D. Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society addressed the Conference in the interests of that society; and requested the secretary to make a record of the following statistics:

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

	Rec'd,	Donated,	Loaned,	Ch's.
1866 to 1868.	621,70	20		
1869,	584,05			
1870,	460,28	363,	1,362	6,
1871,	442,35	500,		1,
1872,	573,40	562,		2,
1873,	859,03	750,	750	4,
1874,	922,87			
1875,	874,03	300,	550	3,
	<hr/> 5,337,71	<hr/> 2,495,	<hr/> 2,662,	<hr/> 16,

SHOWING OF COLLECTIONS 1875.

No of Churches, 218; Collections of \$10, and over 21; Collections under \$10, 127; No. of Collections, 70.

On motion of C. S. Fox it was resolved that when the Conference adjourns it adjourns to meet at 2:30 P. M. of to-day.

The vote by which the character of H. C. Peck passed was reconsidered. D. D. Gillet preferred a charge of mal-administration against H. C. Peck. I. Cogshall moved that T. H. Jacokes, W. H. Brockway and A. J. Russell be and are hereby appointed a Committee to nominate the Select Number to which should be referred the charge of mal-administration against H. C. Peck

The Doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by S. P. Warner and the Conference adjourned

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

NILES, Mich., Monday, Sept. 18th, 1876.

The Conference met at 2:30 P. M. I. Cogshall in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. Rev. Geo. M. Boyd of the Northwest Indiana Conference conducted the opening religious services.

T. H. Jacokes reported the Select Number in the case of H. C. Peck which with one amendment was adopted, as follows: D. O. Ball, A. Hunsberger, J. K. Stark, Geo. S. Barnes, Geo. W. Sherman, C. L. Barnhart, H. M. Joy, A. A. Knappen, J. W. H. Carlisle, A. C. Beach, G. L. Haight. The Bishop who had just taken the chair, appointed T. H. Jacokes Chairman of the Select Number, and W. I. Cogshall was detailed as its secretary.

On motion of W. H. Brockway the Select Number and parties interested in the case were granted leave of absence from the Conference room for the purpose of the trial.

At this moment the Bishop read a telegram from New York that Bishop Janes was dying. The Bishop and secretary were directed to answer the telegram.

T. H. Jacokes from the Committee on Freedmen presented the following report, which on motion was adopted:

To the Michigan Annual Conference.

The faithful, urgent prosecution of the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society is of vital, essential interest both to the Church and State. This will be clearly seen as we note the field of its operations. It

is to rescue millions of men, women and children, from ignorance, degradation and vice, the resulting product of centuries of enslavement. It is through the process and power of a Christian education united with the preaching of a pure Gospel, to habilitate them as elevated citizens of the State and members of the household of faith. To thus rescue and elevate them is not only a work of vast magnitude, but one which appeals to the profoundest sentiments of patriotism, philanthropy and religion. Responding to this urgent appeal, be it:

Resolved. 1st. That we will extend to the Freedmen's Aid Society, not only our sympathy, but our earnest co-operation.

2d. That in order to render such co-operation effective we request the Presiding Elders to apportion the amount assigned to this Conference by the Freedmen's Aid Society among the several charges and that each member of this body will, during the present year, present the claims of this interest to our several charges.

T. H. JACOKES,

G. W. GOSLING.

QUESTION 2—Who are admitted on trial?—was taken up. The Recommendations of the following named persons were presented, the report of the Committee heard in each case. They were severally represented and on motion admitted on trial: William Harper, Charles W. Pearson, John C. Floyd, Daniel C. Riehl, Marcellus W. Darling, Joseph A. Barnes, John T. Glover, Marshall M. Callen, John A. Bready, Ephraim S. Holm, A. G. Parish, Allison O. Downs.

Rev. R. S. Cantine, of the Rock River Conference, was introduced.

Isaiah Wilson on certificate of location from Oregon Conference was re-admitted.

QUESTION 8—Who are the supernumerary Preachers?—was resumed, and the following named persons continued in that relation: R. Pengelley, W. A. Bronson, S. G. Blanchard.

J. Draper was declared effective.

QUESTION 9.—who are the Superannuated Preachers?—was resumed, and the following named persons were continued in that relation: S. Steele, D. S. Haviland, A. Billings, J. T. Robe, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, T. J. Hill, Geo. W. Chapin, H. Penfield, W. F. Jenkins, J. H. Pitezal, I. Bennett, I. H. Skinner, J. H. Rich-

ards, J. W. Cawthorne, A. A. Dunton, B. F. Doughty, J. W. Hollowell, A. Wakefield, T. J. Congden, E. C. Chambers.

F. Gage was placed among the superannuated.

L. M. Bennett and W. M. Coplin were declared effective.

I. Bennett was called to the chair by the Bishop.

On motion it was resolved that when the Conference adjourns it adjourns to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

F. D. Hemenway, from the Committee on Education presented the following Report, which on motion was adopted, its recommendations concurred in, and W. H. Perrine directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Hampton Rich of Ionia and Geo. S. Clapp of St. Joseph as trustees of Albion College, which was done, and they were declared duly elected :

To the Michigan Annual Conference,

Christianity comes to us carrying in her bosom all redeeming and elevating agencies. She recognizes the worth and peril of man and seeks by all means to emphasize this worth and to extricate from this peril. She undertakes to bring back to man his lost perfection. She proposes nothing less than his complete emancipation from ignorance, prejudice, sensualism and sin. Whatever is suited to this end she originates or appropriates so that it becomes a part of herself laying under tribute all available material and spiritual agencies. The employment of these agencies in rebuilding and upbuilding character is in its broadest sense education. The term comprehends all processes in nature, Providence or human society, the family, the school and the Church which have for their object the development of what is germinant in man into strength and symmetry and perfection.

Hence education is to Christianity as the light to the luminary, the stream to the fountain, the fruit to the tree which bears it. And it were as reasonable to look for the fruit without the tree or the light without the luminary as to expect any true education apart from the light and the warmth and inspiration of religion.

It is then eminently proper that in our annual survey of the field of Christian labor the subject of education should be included. Never was there more urgent need that both our possibilities and our peril as to this great interest should be thoroughly understood by all our people.

1. Of prime importance is the educational work done in the family. It is of quite as much consequence that we should save our own children as that we convert our neighbors or the heathen—that we cultivate and render fruitful the territory already occupied as that we take on more. The emphasis which as a Church we have always placed

on adult conversion should not cause us to lose sight of the still more fundamental work of childhood nurture. For "on the fair fields of childhood the battle must be fought and won." The highest possibilities of character cannot be reached but by those who from the beginning of their consciousness have come under the full sway of the truth.

We would accordingly emphasize upon ourselves and all our people the supreme importance of the home life especially in its influence on childhood. Let us fill our houses, poor and empty though they may be of earthly luxuries and elegancies and sometimes even of necessary comforts, with all sweet and blessed influences. Let us use all diligence to train up for Christ and his church those whom we consecrate in holy baptism. And in the day of eternity may we read the record of our fidelity in the redeemed and glorified natures of the children he has given us.

2. Next in importance comes the public school, the legitimate office of which is to make every child a citizen of the world holding in his hand the keys of all knowledge and confronting all high and noble possibilities, of the many characteristic products of Christianity, this is one of the most characteristic. In all history there is not even a hint toward such an institution outside of Protestant Christianity and it is not unfitting that at this present time Evangelical Protestantism is set for its defence in our own land. Romanism, Judaism, Liberalism and Secularism are now conspiring to banish Christianity from this its eminent domain and agree in demanding either that the schools shall not be Christian or not public. Let all such demands be resolutely resisted. The life of this republic depends on keeping our education Christian, and making it as far as practicable, universal.

3. There are two institutions for higher learning to which this Conference holds a responsible relation.

The first of these, Albion College, being located not only in our own State but also in our Conference territory has special claims on the attention and liberality of all our people. We are devoutly thankful as we recognize the past, present and prospective value of this our great educational interest. The advantages enjoyed by this institution are such as fully to warrant the expectation that in due time it may have a life as vigorous, as independent, and in its sphere as richly developed as any college in the land. It is the Methodist educational center of this great and rich State. It is in the midst of a population as intelligent, homogeneous and prosperous as any in the Northwest. It is greatly endeared to many not only by the good it has done *them* but by the sacrifices they have made for *it*. And though what it is to-day, aside from the character of its devoted and able instructors, is but a mere hint of what, as we trust, it shall become, yet even its present equipment and endowment when measured by the

time and conditions of their creation are a truly noble monument to the intelligence and self-sacrifice of the friends of the institution. Many shall rise up to call these benefactors of the college in the years of its youth and weakness, blessed. We continue to commend this great and vital interest to the generous consideration of our people. Let it be remembered in our living labors and dying legacies. We account it of vital moment that our people be kept fully informed of the history and wants of the college, and would accordingly recommend that the most important portions of the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees to this Conference (which we return herewith) be published in the Minutes of the Conference.

The second of these institutions for higher learning under our patronage is the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois. Located at the commercial center of the Northwest, possessing an endowment which is already such as to bring it into the first-class of American colleges, with the choicest Library west of the Alleghanies, and a goodly array of well-organized departments, it stands commended to to us not only by what it can become, but by what it actually is. That we, as a Conference, in any measure enter into and partake of its life is alike profitable to us and to it. Though a single section of its work is co-incidental with that of our own college, yet for the most part its field is not distinct but different. They are not rivals but co-laborers in a field where such laborers are too few.

The past year has been to this institution one of severe financial stringency but of vigorous and fruitful work. The entire number of students in its several departments has been 891, of which about 150 have graduated to literary or professional degrees.

This institution justly claims our aid only in all ways of help open to us. Let us recognize its grand opportunities at least equal to those of any institution in American Methodism. Let us give it our intelligent appreciation, our hearty sympathies, and our earnest prayers. In view of what it has already attained and the rich field of promise before it, it has just and urgent claims on the liberality of the church, especially of the rapidly increasing class of wealthy Methodists in the Northwest

The fact that we have two such institutions under our own patronage and control does not prevent us from feeling a lively interest in the welfare of our own State University at Ann Arbor. As citizens of Michigan we rejoice in its strength and prosperity, in its broad and symmetrical plan of organization, in the distinguished reputation of members of its faculty, in their valuable contributions both to science and to literature, and in all which gives our University such a commanding position before the American people. We will devoutly pray that all these conditions of power may continue with the institution but in still richer measure, and especially that there may always be a

healthy religious atmosphere at this important seat of learning. And if in its future history it shall demonstrate the mistake of those who despair of keeping evangelical religion in the ascendant in a State University, we shall most gratefully rejoice but shall continue to believe that the great hope of the cause of higher education in this land is not in State schools, but as it ever has been, in colleges founded by the Christian church for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

4. The past year has been to our school for ministerial education at Evanston one of the best and most fruitful in its history. The number of students in its theological classes has been slightly greater than ever before. The work done and the results garnered into character, will as we cannot doubt, bring forth their rightful fruit in the increased usefulness of these future pastors of the church.

This school established by the beneficence of a Christian woman, solely in the interest of the ministry has peculiarly sacred claims on our regard as ministers. It has already expended for the church nearly two hundred thousand dollars. Perhaps in view of this fact it may not be unreasonable for her at some time in the near future to ask for the return of a portion of this sum for the extinction of the debt which hinders her free development. We commend this our only theological school in the Northwest not only to the confidence but the affection and generous consideration of all our people.

The discipline requires that a collection for the cause of education be taken each year in all our charges. We would recommend that this collection for the coming year be appropriated to aid any young men among us who may be studying for the Christian ministry. We would also call attention to the provision of the discipline for "Children's Day" and would recommend its universal observance.

Your committee would respectfully report the following nominations: For Trustee of the Northwestern University, W. H. Perrine; For Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, W. J. Aldrich, E. S. Mechesney; For Visitors to Albion College, H. M. Joy, A. H. Gillet, L. H. Pearce; For Trustees of Albion College; Hon. Hampton Rich, G. S. Clapp, Esq.

The committee would respectfully recommend the appointment of the Rev. T. Lyon, Financial Agent of Albion College.

Respectfully, submitted,

F. D. HEMENWAY, For the Committee.

W. H. Perrine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Albion College be and are hereby most respectfully and earnestly petitioned to take the necessary measures for such a modification of the Charter of the College

as shall endow the Master graduates of the institution with power to elect from their own number one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees of said College.

W. H. PERRINE,
F. B. BANGS,
H. P. HENDERSON,
H. M. JOY,
A. P. MOORS,
A. J. ELIRED,
J. W. ROBINSON.

H. F. SPENCER,
D. D. GILLET,
GEO. S. CLAPP,
C. C. OLDS,
J. H. McCARTY,
F. D. HEMENWAY,

I. TAYLOR.
L. M. EDMONDS,
T. F. HILDRETH,
GEO. B. JOCELYN,
D. F. BARNES,
H. C. PECK,

On motion of A. J. Russell, the resolution was laid on the table until 8 P. M.

Levi Masters from the Committee on the sanctity of the Sabbath presented the following report, which on motion was adopted :

To the Michigan Conference :

The Sabbath as an institution of God is vital to the interests of the Christian Church. Blot the Sabbath from the Christian calendar, and it is the opinion of your committee that the Temple of Truth would soon begin to crumble and the star of Christian hope would go out in darkness.

Nor is the Sabbath of less importance to the interests of the nation's life. And if ever Christian America should become Infidel America, in the practical annihilation of the Sabbath, evil days would soon come to her, and the nights draw nigh in which she would be compelled to say, "I have no pleasure in them." Our devotion to the church, then, as well as our attachment to the land we love, demand the continuance of the Sabbath day.

This institution vital as it is to the interests of both church and State, is in danger:

1. From the hands of those who would strip it of its sanctity, if they could, by the force of legislative enactment, and who are demanding in political caucuses and conventions, that all laws pertaining to the Sabbath shall be stricken out, and that it be no more in the eyes of the law than any other day of the week.

2. It is in danger again from those who devote its hours to other pursuits than those required in the word of God, thus practically annihilating its power, and preparing the way for its complete destruction. The moral sense of the people needs to be awakened on this point, for the tide of Sabbath desecration seems, verily, to be on the increase, and in many places threatens to deluge great portions of the land. The darkest record of the people during all the week, in many places is made on this most holy day.

It is the duty of every Christian, growing out of his relations both to the church and the State, to guard this institution, in all legitimate ways from touch or stain of impious hands: By keeping it

holy themselves; by training their children to revere its sanctity; by discountenancing Sabbath desecration in the communities in which they live; by the exercise of the power of the ballot, Christians may do much towards the maintenance and prosperity of the Sabbath day.

It has been said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It might with equal propriety be said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of religion." "What I say unto you, I say unto all watch"—is the injunction of our Lord to those to whom are committed the interests of his kingdom in the world. And "Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh shall find so doing."

It is the duty of the ministry of the Gospel especially to exercise the powers of the sacred office with which God has invested them, for the preservation of the Sabbath day in all its sanctity. If every pulpit in the land were to exert its power in defense of this sacred institution the tide of Sabbath desecration would soon be turned, and the enemies of the Sabbath would be vanquished in the fight. A Christian pulpit and a Christian press united in their defense of the institutions of the Bible, under the blessing of God, shall prove victorious over all the enemies of the truth.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI MASTERS,
J. H. POTTS,
J. J. McALLISTER.

The announcements were made, the Doxology sung, the benediction was pronounced by Thomas Clark and the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

NILES, Mich. Monday, Sept. 18, 1876.

The Conference met at 7, P. M. W. H. Brockway in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop C. C. Olds conducted the opening religious exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Secretary presented the following report from W. H. Ware Committee on Constitution for S. S. Union for Michigan Conference. The Report was concurred in and the Constitution after slight amendment adopted as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—Your Committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to "find the Constitution of the S. S. Society of this Conference, or in case it could not be found, to pre-

pare a constitution to be submitted at this session of the Conference," presents the following report:

Careful search has been made by the Secretary for the Constitution of the S. S. Union of this Conference but he has been unable to find it. Therefore the accompanying report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and action,
W. H. WARE, Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be titled, "The Sunday School Union of the Michigan Conference, auxiliary to the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT

The object of this Union shall be to advance the cause of Sunday schools connected with our church and promote religious education wherever possible throughout the bounds of our Conference.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Members of the Michigan Conference may, by enrolling their names for this object, become members of this Union, and lay members of our Church or Sunday School may become members on the payment of one (1) Dollar, and may become life members by paying Five (5) Dollars or more at one time.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be a President, vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors all of whom shall be elected by the Conference at its annual session, upon nomination of the Bishop presiding. There shall be three (3) Directors for each District in the Conference consisting of the Presiding Elder of the District, one minister and one layman.

ARTICLE V.—ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Anniversary and the Annual meeting of this society shall be held sometime during the session of the Conference, at which time it shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to submit reports of the progress of the Sabbath school cause in our Conference, and the amount of the collections raised in its aid.

ARTICLE VI.—FUNDS.

All funds of the society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference to be disposed of by him according to the direction of the Discipline, and the order of the Conference.

ARTICLE VII.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The officers of the society shall constitute a Board of Managers whose duty it shall be to pay special attention to the wants and interests of Sabbath schools throughout the bounds of the Conference, and, so far as practicable, to organize and attend Sabbath school Conventions, and to collect facts and raise funds for the Sunday school cause.

ARTICLE VIII.—BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors of each district shall be a board of Directors to have special charge of Sabbath School matters in the District. To arrange for Sunday school Conventions; to arrange and maintain, wherever practicable District auxiliaries; to devise ways and means to promote the Sabbath School work, and to secure facts and make a report and statements to the Board of Managers.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :
[See Nominations Page 4.]

The Report so far as it relates to the "Triers of Appeals" was adopted [See Committees Page 4]. The other nominations lie on the Table under the rule.

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn, Geo. L. Cole, was elected Statistical Secretary with power to appoint his own assistants, and the District Statisticians. Whereupon he made the following appointments: [See Committees Page 4.]

James Hamilton from the Committee on Sunday schools and Tracts presented the following Report which was adopted :

To the Michigan Conference :

The Committee on the Sabbath-school and Tract Cause, present the following report:

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We notice with great satisfaction the constantly increasing interest manifested everywhere in our land, in the cause of the religious education of the young.

Our own Conference must not be behind our sister Conferences in this work, we therefore recommend:

1st. That all our preachers carefully read and practice the "article" in our new Discipline on "Sunday-schools and the Instruction of Children," carefully availing themselves also, of all other information that may render them efficient laborers in this nursery of the church.

2nd. Your Committee has learned, with great satisfaction, that Rev. J. B. Atchinson, Sunday-school Agent for the Detroit Conference,

can spend a portion of his time within the bounds of our Conference. We, therefore, recommend that he be invited to embrace Michigan Conference in his field of labor, and that pastors and committees conducting Sunday-school Institutes, secure, where possible, his efficient services.

3rd. That we earnestly recommend a more general organization of our Sunday-schools into Missionary Societies, according to the direction of the Discipline, thus early training the children in habits of benevolence

4th. That, in all our Schools, more direct efforts be constantly made for the conversion of the children, as the surest means for the speedy evangelization of the world.

TRACT CAUSE.

We recognize the utility of Tracts, as instruments for the dissemination of religious truth, and call the attention of the Pastors, especially to the excellent *Revised Series*, now being published by our Tract Society. We would also recommend that, wherever there is an organization of the Ladies' and Pastors, Christian Union, tracts be liberally furnished the ladies, to distribute in their visits among the people.

JAMES HAMILTON,

A. R. BOGGS,

A. J. WHEELER.

W. J. Swift, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

To the Michigan Annual Conference :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Bible Cause, ask to report the following:

WHEREAS, The word of God is the inheritance of all men, and it is the duty of all Christians alike, to spread the heavenly tidings everywhere—and,

WHEREAS, We have looked with pleasure upon the past efficiency of the American Bible Society—therefore,

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the American Bible Society, and that we pledge to it a full and cheerful co-operation.

WM. J. SWIFT,

E. L. KELLOGG,

S. P. WARNER.

T. H. Jacokes, Chairman of the Select Number appointed to try the charge of mal-administration against H. C. Peck, presented the following decision :

NILES, MICH., Sept. 18th, 1876.

The Select Number, to whom were referred the charges and specifications, preferred by Rev. D. D. Gillet, against Rev. H. C. Peck, have dismissed the case for want of notice, under Rule 20 of the Michigan Conference Rules of Order.

T. H. JACOKES, Chairman.

W. I. COGSHALL, Ass't Sec'y.

L. W. Earl, from the Committee on Periodicals, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

To the Michigan Conference :

From the commencement of Methodism, the press has been recognized as a most potent agency for the spread of religious truth, and in these days, when the political and secular papers are flooding our land, not always advocating the highest toned morality, or the purest forms of truth; but more frequently excluding from their columns important and essential religious principles, for fear of bringing the party they advocate into disrepute with a lower grade of society, whose votes they thus seek at the sacrifice of the higher good of society, is it not high time for all religious periodicals to be brought to the front, and made to speak out boldly against all wrong wherever found; and in favor of all right and truth. Let our Church make her periodicals of the highest type in all respects; so that under God, they may be instrumental in turning upon the young of our land, purer streams of moral influence. Let all of the official papers of the Church, and the *Michigan Advocate*, and all others conducted by individual enterprise, continue to speak to the thousands of Methodists, and those under their influence, the pure evangelical truth as revealed in the Holy Scriptures; and then let all Methodist Preachers make it their duty to place in each of our families one or more of these periodicals.

We are pleased with the boldness with which our Advocates have been speaking out against wickedness in high places; and we pray that they may continue to do so. We are sure that the key note to success for the Ladies' Repository has been struck, and that Dr. Curry will make it a success, as the National Repository.

Your Committee offer for adoption the following resolutions :

1st. That it is the duty of every member of this Conference, to make a most vigorous effort to increase the circulation of all the periodicals of the Church.

2nd. While we feel it to be our duty to present first, the claims of the official journals of the Church; and while we have no disposition to displace them, we will, with pleasure, order the *Michigan Advocate* for our people whenever desired, as we believe that, with its

5,000 subscribers, and the able manner in which it is edited, it is calculated to aid in building up our common Methodism

Signed, L. W. EARL,
H. WORTHINGTON
G. W. TUTHILL.

On motion of R. C. Crawford, the Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding its next session. PawPaw and Grand Rapids were nominated and represented. The vote being taken, Grand Rapids was chosen as the place.

J. H. McCarty presented the following report from the Michigan Camp Ground Association, which was adopted:

To the Michigan Conference:

The movement inaugurated one year ago to erect in this State a State camp meeting and summer resort, has been attended with marked success. The institution is yet in its infancy, but, by proper management, and with the patronage it deserves, must become a success. All the steps necessary have been taken to form a complete legal corporation, which now has an existence in fact.

The Association has the deed of over 200 acres of land, on the southwest side of Little Traverse Bay. About forty acres have been cleared off and partially put in order. The ground abounds in good springs of water, and has a lake frontage of three quarters of a mile. The track of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad has been built to the camp ground, and the finest depot north of Grand Rapids has been erected on the camp ground. A speaker's stand, after the Swiss cottage style of architecture, costing \$300, has been erected. A temporary boarding hall, 22x40, has been erected; also a lodging hall, 16x64 feet, capable of accommodating eighty persons. About twenty tents were on the grounds at the meeting which was held the present year. The promise for the future is good, and it is hoped that at no distant day Petoskey will rival Ocean Grove and Martha's Vineyard.

J. H. McCARTY, Chairman.

The Conference Treasurer presented the following bill, which, as it was for the benefit of the various funds, was directed to be paid for, by a *pro rata* assessment upon the various funds of the Conference:

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE TO JAMES W. REID		Dr.
To Envelopes.....		\$3 92
To Conference Treasurer's Book.....		13 00
To Postage.....		3 00
To Printing Envelopes.....		9 00
To Express.....		1 00
To Stationery at Niles.....		1 12
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On motion of D. D. Gillet, a warrant of one hundred dollars was ordered to meet the expense of publishing Missionary matter in the minutes.

E. L. Kellogg, from the Mission Auditing Committee, presented the following reports. The reports were adopted, and the permission given that the vouchers for the \$105, and for the \$88, be forwarded to the secretary of the Conference.*

To the Michigan Conference :

SPECIAL MISSIONARY COLLECTION FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

L. M. Edmonds received from Dr. Reid.....	\$40 00
" " " Centerville	12 00
" " " Kalamazoo, one box clothing.	
" " " Grand Rapids, one box clothing.	
D. F. Barnes received from the charges.....	267 46
Which was disbursed as follows:	
To L. M. Edmonds for Pentwater District.....	\$107 13
" A. P. Moors for Grand Traverse.....	117 13
" H. P. Henderson for Big Rapids.....	30 00
" W. H. Ware.....	9 00
" J. W. Miller for traveling expenses.....	2 20
Total.....	\$267 46

The clothing was distributed one box at Shelby and one at Ferry.

For the cash we hold proper vouchers excepting for \$105, distributed on Grand Traverse district, for which we have the statement of A. P. Moors.*

E. L. KELLOGG.
E. MARBLE.
J. P. FORCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference:

The Mission Auditing Committee respectfully beg leave to report:—

We have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders, and find that all money entrusted to them for Missions in the Michigan Conference, for the year ending Sept. 12th. 1876, has been accounted for per vouchers such as are approved by the Missionary Board, except \$88 appropriated to old Mission,* Grand Traverse District.

E. L. KELLOGG.
E. MARBLE.
J. P. FORCE.

I. Cogshall from the Committee to whom were referred the matters of Olivet church, presented the following report which was adopted :

*NOTE.—The proper vouchers have been forwarded to Secretary. G. B. J.

To the Michigan Conference:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Olivet Church, beg leave to report that they have had the matter under careful consideration, and have reached the following facts and conclusions:

1st. The indebtedness on the Church is as follows: In December last Mr. Jagger held mortgages against it for \$1,950 00, on which there was accrued interest to about \$290.00, making a total of \$2,240.00. He demanded the payment of his interest at once, and in default of it he declared his purpose to proceed to foreclosure. As such a step would peril everything, Bro. Lyon, the Pastor of the Church, succeeded in negotiating the purchase of these mortgages. Mr. Jagger agreeing to remit the interest about \$290.00 if he could have his principal \$1,950.00, and \$50.00 he had paid on insurance within sixty days, Bro. Lyon procured the money and purchased these mortgages taking the assignment of them and the insurance policy to himself. The condition of these mortgages at this time is as follows: Principal \$1950.00; Insurance \$50.00; Interest accrued since the transfer to Bro. Lyon, say \$83.00. Total \$2,083.00 In addition to this there is a second mortgage on the church, for \$1975.89 due to Bro. D. D. Gillet, given in Dec. 1872 on which no interest has been paid. The accrued interest to date is about \$850.00 making a total of \$2825.00. In March last, Bro. Gillet agreed to remit all accrued interest to date if his money could be paid him at this Conference, or by the time of this Conference and he still affirms his readiness to do this or to make still further abatements if your Committee or the Conference think he ought to do so. Assuming as a basis the statements heretofore made in this report the debt stands now as follows:

Jagger Mortgages.....	\$1,950,
Interest since Assignment to Lyon.....	125,
Insurance.....	50,
Total.....	2,125,
From which deduct interest on cash balances in Bro. Lyon's hand....	43,
Add Lyon's traveling expenses.....	70,00,
Total.....	2152,
The Gillet Mortgage.....	1,975,
Interest since March '76.....	98,79
Gillet mortgage and interest since March '76'.....	2073,79,
Total debt.....	4225.79
Bro. Lyon reports assets as follows: cash on hand.....	1694.00
Notes and subscriptions estimated.....	1506.00
Total assets.....	3200.00
Leaving unprovided for a balance of.....	1026,68

But your Committee are informed that the Trustees and Church at Olivet have paid Bro. Lyon only about \$300.00 for his services the past year, and have directed him to take of these assets, enough to pay the balance of his salary, say \$600.00 or \$700.00. This would reduce the assets, to about \$2500, or 2600, which if the shrinkage on all matters of this kind be taken into account, practically reduces the assets, to

enough to pay the Jagger mortgages. Leaving the Gillet mortgage to be provided for, your Committee have no hesitancy in saying they judge this to be utterly impracticable, at the present time. The following therefore are the conclusions of the Committee:

1st. Every dollar of the existing assets ought to go toward the payment of the mortgages, and the Trustees and Church at Olivet, must provide for Bro. Lyon's salary, from other sources. Your Committee are clear in the conviction, that if any portion of the money or effects, now in hand, and raised for the purpose of liquidating the debt is taken to pay the salary of the pastor, it will be fatal to any further attempt, to raise money among our people to pay this debt.

2d. A suitable man should be appointed to this charge the ensuing year to continue the canvass, and save this church if possible, and if necessary, all funds raised for church Extension on Albion District this year should go toward the liquidation of this debt.

I. COGSHALL,
W. H. BROCKWAY.
A. J. RUSSELL,
C. S. FOX.

Bishop Haven, who a few moments before had entered and taken the chair read a telegram from New York city announcing the death of Bishop Janes at 1, P. M. of to-day.

The Bishop made a few appropriate remarks concerning the life and labors of the deceased Senior Bishop.

On motion of Geo. B. Jocelyn, Jas. W. Reid was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the feelings of the Conference.

Jas. W. Reid presented the following:

Whereas, In the providence of God our beloved Senior Bishop Edmund Storer Janes, D. D. has fallen "Asleep in Jesus." and,

Whereas In all the years past, as he has come and gone among us, our hearts have gone out toward him in love and tenderness; and he has guided us by his wise counsel, and strengthened us by his manifestation of faith and encouraged us by his love, so that we had fondly hoped to greet him again among us. But now we sit in the midst of our sorrow and mourn our loss as children bereaved mourn a father gone: therefore.

Resolved, 1. That this Conference has heard with profound sorrow of the death of our beloved Bishop Rev. Edmund S. Janes.

2. That we recognize in this dispensation of Providence the hand of Him "Who doeth all things well."

3. That while we mourn our loss our hearts also rejoice in the glorious record of his childlike life, and,

4. That emulating his virtues, following his footsteps as he followed Christ, we will turn to the ministry he loved and honored and by the grace of God meet him in the land of the redeemed.

5. That we tender to his bereaved family and to his colleagues in the Episcopacy our sincere expression of love and sympathy and assure them that with them we go down sad and tearful into the vale of earthly sorrow, and weep with them in this our mutual loss, trusting that through faith in Jesus we may all meet our beloved Bishop again in that land where no death is.

JAS. W. REID.

R. C. Crawford, T. H. Jacokes and Geo. B. Jocelyn made a few remarks.

Bishop Haven then read the Hymn commencing :

"He's gone! the spotless soul is gone,
Triumphant to his place above;"

after which the Conference sang Hymn 1086, written by Charles Wesley on the death of Geo. Whitefield :

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought the race is won
And thou art crowned at last."

After the singing W. H. Perrine led the Conference and congregation in prayer.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

J. H. McCarty from the Board of stewards presented the following Report ;

The amounts estimated to pay the claims of the Superannuated Preachers and widows and orphans of deceased Preachers is \$5,800.

The amount collected to meet this claim is as follows:

From Circuits and Stations.....	\$1394.00
" Conference Collections.....	36.14
" J. M. Arnold, & Co.....	50 00
" Chartered Fund.....	30.00
" Interest on Parkhurst Fund.....	26.50
Total.....	\$1536.64

It has been distributed as follows (the names in parentheses indicate to whom the money was paid): J. T. Robe, (self) \$104.00; Mrs. C. Comfort, (H. C. Peck) \$54.20; Mrs. M. E. McAllister (A. Hunsberger) \$54.20; Mrs. R. Sapp (T. F. Hildreth) \$28.20; Mrs. E. Beard (J. W. Miller) \$54.20; J. H. Pitezel (J. W. Miller) \$52.00; H. Penfield (J. W.

Miller) \$52.00; B. F. Doughty (self) \$104.00; A. Billings (W. H. Brockway) \$104.00; Mrs. A. Staples (W. H. Brockway) \$54.20; Mrs. Wm. Ford (J. K. Stark) \$28.20; Mrs. N. Mount (J. Hills) \$106.20; Mrs. G. L. Gilbert (J. W. Reid) \$28.20; Mrs. L. Chatfield (J. W. Reid) \$28.20; L. M. Bennett (self) \$52.00; A. A. Dunton (I. R. A. Wightman) \$26.00; I. Bennett (self) \$104.00; Mrs. E. H. Childs (J. N. Dayton) \$28.20; Mrs. E. Austin (C. Chick) \$52.00; E. C. Chambers (L. M. Edmonds) \$104.00; A. Wakefield (M. Browning) \$52; J. W. Cawthorne (self) \$52.00; G. W. Chapin (Geo. B. Jocelyn) \$52.00; J. W. Hollowell (W. I. Cogshall) 104.00; S. Steele (self) \$52.00; Mrs. Brakeman (J. S. Valentine) \$2.20; Mrs. M. B. Camburn (I. Taylor) \$2.20; Mrs. W. McKnight (D. C. Woodard) \$2.20.

P. H. CRIPPEN, Pres.
N. M. STEELE Sec'y.

H. C. Peck from the Committee to prepare the charges against M. V. Rork reported the work attended to. The Bishop appointed H. P. Henderson to take charge of the trial and J. W. Miller to represent the Conference in the case.

H. C. Peck from the Committee on missions made the following Report :

To the Michigan Conference :

The amount of Missionary money appropriated to the Michigan Conference for the current year by the General Missionary Committee is as follows: To Domestic Missions \$2000.00; to Indian Mission work \$900.00—Total \$2900.00

Your Committee announce that the above amount is distributed as follows:

1. DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Grand Rapids District. Grand Rapids Mission \$140.00; Holland City \$120.00—Total \$260.00.

Big Rapids District. Coral \$125.00; Sherman City, \$75.00; Milbrook, \$75.00; Hersey, \$75.00; Reed City, \$75.00; Fremont Centre, \$25.00; Pentwater \$100.00; Amber, \$65.00; Sauble River, \$40.00; Twin Lakes, \$25.00; Ferry & Beaver, \$25.00—Total \$685.00.

Grand Traverse District. To the District \$280.00; Petoskey \$200.00; Traverse City, \$140.00; Cheboygan, \$100.00; Northport, \$40.00; Clam Lake, \$30.00; Old Mission, \$75.00; Charlevoix \$40.00; Ashton, \$50.00; Bear Lake \$25.00; Frankfort \$75.00.—Total \$1,055.00. Total for Domestic Missions \$2000.00.

2. INDIAN MISSIONS.

Big Rapids District. To the District \$200,00; Isabella Indian Mission, \$200,00; Crystal Lake Indian Mission, \$100,00; Riverton Indian Mission \$100,00. Total for the District \$600,00.

Grand Traverse District. To the District \$100,00; Charlevoix Indian Mission, \$100,00; Elk Rapids Indian Mission, \$50,; Northport, Indian Mission \$50,00—Total for the District \$300,00. Total for Indian Mission \$900,00. Total for Domestic and Indian Work, \$2900,00.

H. C. PECK, Sec'y.

I concur in the above appropriations.

G. HAVEN.

The Bishop announced the following Committees and appointments for 1877 : [See Committee Page 4.]

The Secretary presented the following Bills against the Conference :

Amount due Geo. L. Cole for statistical Blanks for four years.....	\$38.00	
Postage for 1875—76.....	2.30	
Total.....		\$40.30
Amount due M. I. Smith for Journal.....	9.00	
Telegram to Bishop Janes.....	1.81	
Total.....		10.81
Amount due W. J. Aldrich Stationary, Programmes &c for present session.....		
Amount due Geo. B. Jocelyn.....		
Expressage on Minutes and Trunk.....	2.45	
Postage.....	3.11	
Stationary.....	2.55	
Printing R. R. Certificates.....	2.75	
Telegraphing Resolution to Bishop Janes.....	3.75	
Balance due, on account of 1875.....	4.66	
Total.....		\$19.30

A collection and subscription was taken up and the avails thereof passed into the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

The Secretary was directed to draw on the Treasurer for the several amounts above, to be paid by him out of any funds in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

A motion was made by Geo. B. Jocelyn to take from the Table the resolutions of W. H. Perrine and others with reference to amending the charter of Albion College which did not prevail.

W. H. Perrine presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees of Albion College be and they are hereby most respectfully and earnestly petitioned to take the measures

necessary for such a modification of the Charter of Albion College as shall endow the Master graduates of the Institution with power to elect one trustee of said College for every twenty-five Master graduates until the number of trustees elected by them shall equal one-third of the whole number of said Board and thence forward the same number perpetually.

W. H. PERRINE,
H. C. PECK.

W. H. Brockway raised the point of order, that it was in substance just what the Conference had refused to take from the table, and consequently out of order, and the Chair held that the point of order was well taken.

The Bishop gave the following decision in the question brought up from the Kalamazoo Quarterly Conference as follows:

When in a District Conference notice is given that a motion will be made in the next session to discontinue the District Conference and the Presiding Elder is requested to submit the Question to the Quarterly Conference, is it sufficient if the Quarterly Conference express their concurrence BEFORE the District Conference holds the session in which such motion of discontinuance is to be made? The Bishop answered: "The action of the Quarterly Conference is valid if taken before the first motion is made or after, provided that it be taken before final action on the part of the District Conference."

QUESTION 1.—Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admissions—was resumed, and Andrew M. Fitch was re-admitted on his certificate of location.

J. W. Reid, Conference Treasurer presented the following statement of Receipts for the year.

Missionary Cause.....	\$7295.25
Womens' Foreign Missions.....	1581.56
Board of Church Extension.....	683.65
Freedmens' Aid.....	839.22
Education General.....	437.94
" Ministerial.....	59.10
Tract Society.....	139.53
Sunday School Union.....	186.63
Bible Society.....	240.17
Episcopal Fund.....	495.67
Conference Claimants'	1535.64
Pub's Minutes and Conf. Expense.....	136.31
Gen'l Conf. Delegates.....	351.55
Special Church Extension.....	430.42
Special Missions.....	235.70
Other Specials.....	39.90
Total Amount Received.....	\$14388.24

JAMES W. REID, Treas.

M. I. Smith offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Niles for the very generous manner in which they have entertained the Conference during its present session.

M. I. SMITH.

W. H. PERRINE.

The Statistical Secretary was directed to report to the Secretary of the Conference.

A. J. Eldred, on behalf of the Presiding Bishop and Presiding Elders nominated the following named persons as the Michigan Conference Board of Church Extension, and the nomination was confirmed : *President*, D. F. Barnes ; *Vice President*, Hampton Rich ; *Corresponding Secretary*, T. F. Hildreth ; *Recording Secretary*, Jas. Lowe ; *Treasurer*, L. R. Atwater ; *Managers*, J. I. Buell, H. P. Henderson, A. J. Eldred, George Whitworth, Baker Borden.

The officers of the Conference Freedmens' Aid Society of last year were re-elected for the coming year.

Geo. B. Jocelyn presented the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the presence of Bishop Gilbert Haven has been most acceptable and pleasant to us—that his presiding in the Conference has been able, dignified, genial and impartial, and his sermons and addresses have been instructive, eloquent, evangelical and that we shall look forward with pleasure to the time when in the Episcopal plan he shall visit us again.

GEO. B. JOCELYN,

F. B. BANGS,

A. J. ELDRED.

QUESTION 8.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—was resumed, and Geo. S. Barnes was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Conference by vote requested Bishop Haven to appoint T. Lyon, Financial Agent of Albion College.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved, and it was ordered that after the usual devotional exercises and the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourn.

The Bishop made a few appropriate remarks, read some selec-

tions from the Psalms and the Gospels. The Conference sang the Parting Hymn, and the Bishop led in prayer, after which in answer to Question 19—Where are the Preachers stationed?—he read the appointments. The Doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by H. C. Peck and the Forty-First session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at about midnight, adjourned *sine die*.

GILBERT HAVEN,* President,

Geo. B. JOCELYN, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission ?*

ANSWER. *By Transfer :* Virgil G. Boynton from the Des Moines Conference; *By Re admission :* Isaiah Wilson from Oregon Conference; Andrew M. Fitch from Michigan Conference.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial ?*

ANSWER Joseph A. Barnes, John A. Bready, Marshall M. Callen, Marcellus W. Darling, Allison O. Downs, John C. Floyd, John T. Glover, William Harper, Ephraim S. Holm, A. G. Parish, Charles W. Pearson, Daniel C. Riehl.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial ?*

ANSWER. Amos M. Gould, Robert H. Bready, Chauncey A. VanAuker.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection ?*

ANSWER. Lafayette Dodds, Wesley A. Hunsberger, Orrin B. Whitmore, James H. Thomas, William L. Tilden, Jonathan M. Whitney.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class ?*

ANSWER. Lafayette Dodds, Wesley A. Hunsberger, John W. Hallenbeck, Orrin B. Whitmore, James H. Thomas, William L. Tilden, Jonathan M. Whitney.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class ?*

ANSWER. Fred N. Janes, James M. Robinson, Oramel E. Wightman, John J. McAllister, Edward A. Whitwam, John W. Hollowell, Martin V. Rork.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders ?*

ANSWER. James M. Aikin, Morton D. Carrell, Albert D. Newton, Wm. R. Stinchcomb, Edward A. Tanner.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. T. H. Bignall, William H. Brockway, S. G. Blanchard, W. A. Bronson, Geo. S. Barnes, W. W. Johnson, Joseph Jones, R. Pengelly.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. I. Bennett, A. Billings, J. W. Cawthorne, T. J. Congden, Geo. W. Chapin, E. C. Chambers, B. F. Doughty, F. Gage, A. A. Dunton, H. H. Hall, D. S. Haviland, T. J. Hill, John W. Hollowell, J. W. Hulin, W. F. Jenkins, H. Morgan, H. Penfield, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Richards, J. T. Robe, I. H. Skinner, S. Steele, A. Wakefield, G. A. VanHorn.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

ANSWER. Strictly.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER. W. H. Sparling.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

ANSWER. J. H. McCarty to the Louisiana Conference; E. Hayes, to Columbia River Conference and William E. Newlon to the India Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER. L. Chatfield, N. Mount, J. H. Bayliss, (Probationer) See Memoirs.

QUESTION 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

ANSWER. See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER. Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars.

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. One Thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-four cents. See Steward's Report, page 46.

QUESTION 19. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

ANSWER.—

JACKSON DISTRICT—I. TAYLOR, P. E.

Jackson—W. J. Aldrich.	Olivet—A. M. Fitch.
Albion—W. H. Perrine.	Moscow—G. C. Draper.
Parma—C. C. Olds.	Girard—W. M. Paddock.
Marshall—Horace Hall.	Quincy—G. L. Haight.
Penfield—D. Burns.	Kinderhook—Supplied by D. A. Ide.
Coldwater—I. Cogshall.	Butler—Supplied by S. C. Strickland.
Hillsdale—A. H. Gillet.	Allen—E. Marble.
Marengo—E. D. Young.	Jonesville—J. H. Potts.
Concord—S. L. Hamilton.	Reading—J. T. Iddings.
Mosherville—E. D. Bacon.	Cambria—Supplied by S. George.
Tekonsha—E. L. Kellogg.	Ransom—C. H. Ellis.
Homer—N. Fassett.	Osseo—M. Browning.
South Albion—W. A. Hunsberger.	North Adams—W. M. Colby.
Liberty—J. H. Tanner.	
Hanover—T. H. Jacokes.	
Litchfield—A. Hunsberger.	

George B. Jocelyn, President, J. H. Hopkins and Rollin C. Welch, Professors in Albion College, Members of Albion Quarterly Conference. T. Lyon, Financial Agent of Albion College and member of Homer Quarterly Conference.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—H. C. PECK, P. E.

Kalamazoo—Henry F. Spencer.	Gilead—E. A. Tanner.
Battle Creek—L. H. Pearce.	North Batavia—Supplied by A. N. Eldred.
Oshtemo—William Harper.	Colon—M. I. Smith.
Schoolcraft—J. White.	Union City—A. L. Crittenden.
Parkville—S. S. Wilson.	Burlington—J. H. Ross.
Mendon—J. E. White.	Athens—To be supplied.
Centerville—G. W. Tuthill.	Wakeshma—Supplied by J. F. Orwick.
Sturgis—J. Graham.	Leroy—A. M. Gould.
Burr Oak—J. W. White.	
Bronson—J. Clubine.	

Climax—E. S. Mechesney.	Allegan—L. M. Edmonds.
Galesburg—L. W. Earl.	Kendalls—Supplied by H. J. Van Fossen.
Augusta—W. Barrett.	Bloomington—A. T. Gray.
Bedford—J. S. Valentine.	Bear Lake Mills—George Donaldson.
Prairieville—Jeremy Boynton.	Irvington—Fred N. Janes.
Richland—Eri H. Day.	South Haven H. H. Parker.
Cooper—Geo. W. Hoag.	Douglass—S. P. Hewitt.
Plainwell—J. P. Force.	
Otsego—C. T. VanAntwerp.	
F. D. Hemenway, Professor in Garrett Biblical Institute, and Member of Kalamazoo Quarterly Conference.	

NILES DISTRICT—J. W. ROBINSON, P. E.

Niles—Henry M. Joy.	Lagrange J. Hoyt.
Buchanan—H. Worthington.	Dowagiac—I. B. Tallman.
Dayton—L. M. Bennett.	Mattawan—L. P. Ferguson.
New Buffalo—G. W. Gosling.	Decatur—J. M. Aikin.
Bridgeman—J. F. Wallace.	Keeler—C. Chick.
St. Joseph—Ira R. A. Wightman.	Hartford—S. C. Woodard.
Benton Harbor—E. H. Sparling.	Bangor—Charles W. Pearson.
Coloma—G. C. Elliott.	Lawrence—N. M. Steele.
Millburg—J. R. Odin.	PawPaw—J. K. Stark.
Silver Creek—Edward A. Whitwam.	Lawton—W. Prouty.
Berrien Springs—A. J. Russell.	Marcellus—Isaiah Willson
Pokagon—T. T. George.	Three Rivers—J. W. Miller.
Cassopolis—J. W. H. Carlisle.	Constantine—Geo. D. Lee.
Edwardsburg—F. I. Bell.	White Pigeon—J. Webster.
	Mottville—Virgil G. Boynton.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—D. F. BARNES, P. E.

Grand Rapids :	Middleville—Eli Wigle.
Division Street—T. F. Hildreth.	Alaska—To be supplied.
Second Street—D. Engle.	Irving—Orrin B. Whitmore.
City Mission—J. A. Sprague.	Hastings—George W. Sherman.
Ada—T. Cleghorne.	Byron Center—Oramel E. Wightman.
Canonsburg—B. H. Whitman.	Monterey—N. D. Marsh.
Cedar Springs—R. C. Crawford.	Holland—William M. Coplin.
Rockford—Geo. L. Cole.	Ventura—To be supplied by W. Earl.
Sparta—J. M. Robinson.	Grandville—To be supplied by E. Bray.
Casenovia—Robert H. Bready.	
Newaygo—Joseph A. Barnes.	

Muskegon—C. L. Barnhart.	Berlin—L. W. Calkins.
Spring Lake—Levi Masters.	Wayland—L. Bathrick.
Cooperville—To be supplied by A. J. Benjamin.	Martin—T. Clark.
Ravenna—J. J. McAllister.	Lamont—Charles H. Fisher.
	Edgerton—To be supplied.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. I. BUELL, P. E.

Ionia—A. J. Eldred.	Carson City—S. Kitzmiller.
Greenville—A. R. Boggs.	Danby and Sebewa—A. D. Newton
Greenville Circuit—J. W. Hallenbeck.	Muir and Pewamo—F. Glass.
Portland—James W. Reid.	Bowne—D. W. Parsons.
Lowell—D. O. Ball.	Sheridan & Bushnell—Daniel C. Riehl.
Stanton—B. S. Mills.	Westville—To be supplied by H. R. Hawley.
Saranac—A. J. Wheeler.	Nashville—C. G. Thomas.
Vergennes—T. J. Spencer.	St. Louis—H. D. Jordan.
Woodland—J. Roberts.	Breckenridge—To be supplied.
Hubbardston—W. M. Ball.	Ithaca—Chauncey A. VanAuken.
Orleans—N. Bray.	Alma—J. Hills.
Palo—M. D. Carrell.	Elm Hall—To be supplied by C. B. Voorhies.
Lyons—G. E. Hollister.	
Orange—G. A. Phillips.	

LANSING DISTRICT—F. B. BANGS, P. E.

Lansing:	Onondaga—B. W. Smith.
Central Church—E. Cooley, Jr.	Rives—To be supplied by J. Ashworth.
First Church, A. A. Rolfe.	Maple Rapids—F. J. Freeman.
Charlotte—C. S. Fox.	Duplain—D. C. Woodard.
Eaton Rapids—W. Doust.	Fowler—J. S. Harder.
Vermontville—W. J. Swift.	St. Johns—J. Hamilton.
Chester—To be supplied by H. P. Barker.	Ovid—S. P. Warner.
Potterville—A. O. Downs.	Okemos—Jason R. Cadwell.
Grand Ledge—B. S. Pratt.	Mason—A. A. Knappen.
DeWitt—J. Gulick.	Bellevue—W. Riley.
Bath—C. A. Jacokes.	Springport—S. M. Merritt.
Leslie—N. L. Brockway.	Tompkins—U. Mason.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—H. P. HENDERSON, P. E.

Big Rapids—L. Tarr.	Pierson & Sand Lake—A. C. Beach
Morley—N. Saunders.	Coral—John T. Glover.
Howard City—Ephraim S. Holm.	Fremont Center—George L. Mount.

Twin Lake—to be supplied by I. Allcott.	Amber—To be supplied by Isaac Hillock.
Hesperia—J. A. Van Fleet.	Reed City and Baldwin—H. N. Hall.
Ferry & Beaver—to be supplied by S. Snyder.	Hersey—J. H. Thomas.
White Hall & Montague—Duncan M. Ward.	Evarts—C. H. Howe.
Benona—J. Draper.	Farrell—to be supplied by J. McCurley.
Shelby—L. J. Griffin.	Mount Pleasant—William H. Ware.
Hart—J. N. Dayton.	Lake View—J. Marzolf.
Pentwater—Wilbur I. Cogshall.	Mill Brook—to be supplied by A. J. Wiggins.
Crystal and Indian Mission, to be supplied by McCoy	Sherman City—to be supplied by J. B. Clark.
Riverton and Indian Mission—John C. Floyd.	Isabella Indian Mission—To be supplied by J. R. Robinson.
Ludington—A. E. Ketchum.	
Sauble River—to be supplied by J. Weyant.	

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—A. P. MOORS, P. E.

Traverse City—Marshall M. Callen.	Little Traverse—Jonathan M. Whitney.
Manistee—D. D. Gillet.	Central and Torch Lake—to be supplied by George W. Bell.
Frankfort—A. G. Parish.	Spencer Creek—To be supplied by O. J. Golden.
Bear Lake—To be supplied by A. S. Lightwater.	Clam Lake—Layayette Dodds.
Elk Rapids and Indian Mission—Wm. R. Stinchcomb.	Manton and Fyfe Lake—F. M. Deitz.
Northport and Indian Mission—John A. Bready.	Monroe Center and Sherman—G. S. Hicks.
Old Mission—D. R. Latham.	Almira and Inland to be supplied by O. G. Whitman and Geo. Youker.
Norwood—Marcellus W. Darling.	Glen Arbor—To be supplied by Chas. Williams.
Charlevoix—William L. Tilden.	Petoskey—To be supplied by Robert Bird.
South Arm and Charlevoix Indian Mission—to be supplied by D. N. Pearce and Jno. Hackett.	Ashton—To be supplied by A. F. Swem.
Cheboygan and Mackinaw—A. Rogers.	Long Lake, to be supplied.
E. Hayes, transferred to Columbia River Conference.	
William E. Newlon, transferred to India Conference.	
J. H. McCarty transferred to Louisiana Conference and stationed at Ames Church.	

QUESTION 20. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. Grand Rapids. Time not given.

QUESTION 21. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER. *Deacons:* Marshall M. Callen, Ephraim S. Holm, Charles W. Pearson. *Elder:* William Harper.

QUESTION 22. *Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER. See Reports on Education, (page 32) and on Ministerial Education (page 35).

QUESTION 23. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER. D. F. Barnes, Pres't.; H. Rich, Vice Pres't.; T. F. Hildreth, Cor. Sec'y; James Lowe, Rec. Sec'y; L. R. Atwater, Treas.; J. I. Buell, H. P. Henderson, A. J. Eldred, Baker Borden, and George Whitworth, Managers.

ANNIVERSARY AND OTHER EXERCISES.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

An Anniversary Meeting was held in connection with the Conference re-union, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1876, 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Brockway in the chair.

Rev. J. W. Robinson delivered an address, a copy of which was asked for, to be filed in the archives of the Society. Responses and remarks were made by Rev's I. Bennett, S. Steele, D. Burns, and W. H. Brockway.

At a meeting of the Society held September 15, 1876, the following persons were elected officers for 1876-77. [See Page 3.]

Rev. W. H. Perrine, D. D. was requested to write the History of Albion College, to be read at the next meeting of the Society.

Rev. H. C. Peck was requested to deposit with the Secretary of the Society certain Historical Papers now in his possession. He was also requested to write and present to the Society the History of Big Rapids District.

The President and Secretary were instructed to request the Committee on Public Worship for 1877, to give the Historical Society time and place on the Programme for an Anniversary.

The President was directed to appoint a District Historian for each Presiding Elder's District, and the following named persons were appointed: For Jackson District, Rev. A. Billings; for Kalamazoo District, Rev. R. C. Crawford; for Niles District, Rev. J. W. Robinson; for Grand Rapids District, Rev. D. F. Barnes; for Ionia District, Rev. J. I. Buell; for Lansing District, Rev. C. C. Olds; for Big Rapids District, Rev. H. C. Peck; for Grand Traverse District, Rev. S. Steele.

WOMENS' FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Exercises of this Society were held Wednesday September 13, 1876, at 2. P. M. Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, Corresponding Secretary for the State of Michigan in the chair.

"Jesus Lover of my soul."

was sung, and Mrs. Jennie F. Willing Corresponding Secretary of the North Western Branch of the Society led in prayer.

"I will love thee."

was sung and Mrs. Willing made an address rich in thought. She was followed by Mrs. Lathrop upon Woman's Influence. A collection of \$13.50 to defray expenses was taken.

A very interesting and profitable consecration service was then conducted by Mrs. Willing.

"I am trusting, Lord, in Thee."

was sung and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. M. P. Gaddis of Cincinnati Conference.

[The officers of the Society were not reported to Conference Secretary.]

THE FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Anniversary exercises of this Society occurred Thursday, Sept. 14th, at 2, P. M. L. W. Earl in the chair.

Rev. J. Lansing, President of Park University of Atlanta, Ga., was introduced to the audience and delivered an address showing the condition of the Freedmen and their wants, earnestly appealing for help. At the close of his address a collection was taken, amounting to one hundred dollars, which was appropriated to the use of the school at Waynesboro, Ga. (At the close of the Lecture by Bishop Haven in the evening the collection was increased to two hundred dollars.)

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Exercises were held in the M. E. Church at 2. P. M. of Friday, Sept. 15th, 1876, Rev. I Cogshall, in the chair.

"Jesus Lover of my soul."

was sung and Rev. N. Fassett led in prayer. A portion of Isaiah, Chap. xxxv was read and Hymn 142 was sung.

J. H. Potts preached the Annual Sermon—Text John xii—32: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”

“From Greenland’s icy Mountains,”

was sung, and Rev. Jno. M. Reid, D. D. Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society addressed the meeting on the general subject of Missions.

Rev. Jas. W. Reid, Treasurer then made his report. [See Statistical Tables, and Conference Treasurer’s Report. For officers see page 3.]

The Doxology was sung, and the Society was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. N. Fassett.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Exercises of this society were held at 2, P. M. of Saturday Sept. 16, 1876. T. F. Hildreth in the chair. S. P. Warner conducted the opening devotional Services.

Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D. Corresponding Secretary of the Society eloquently enforced the claims of the Society upon the church. After singing, the benediction was pronounced by T. F. Hildreth. [For Michigan Conference Board of Church Extension See Page 3.]

SUNDAY SERVICES.

In addition to the sessions of Conference held on Sunday,—the minutes of which appear in the regular journal of the session, there were held the following services.

In the M. E. Church at 7 : 30 P. M. Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D. Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society preached upon the “Terribleness of sin and the Blessedness of the Gospel” from the text : 1st Cor. xv.—56—57—“The sting of death is sin ; the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In the Presbyterian Church, at 10:30, A. M. T. F. Hildreth preached from *Rom. i—20*—"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

At 7:30, P. M. H. F. Spencer preached.

In the Baptist Church at 10:30 A. M. E. Cooley, Jr., preached, and Geo. W. Tuthill at 7:30, P. M.

WEEK-NIGHT SERVICES.

At 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, Sept. 13, W. H. Perrine preached from the text:—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—*James v—18*.

At 7:30 P. M., Friday, Sept. 15, Rev. J. Atkinson of Rock River Conference delivered a sermon from the text: "Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes." *Rom. iii—15—18*.

At 7:30 P. M., Saturday, Sept. 16, H. M. Joy, preached on the "Doctrine of the Atonement" from the text: "When I see the blood I will pass over you." *Exodus xii, 13*.

LECTURES.

At 7:30 P. M., Thursday, Sept. 14, Bishop Haven, at the request of the Conference, delivered with very fine effect his lecture entitled "The Gospel in Mexico."

F. D. Hemenway, of Garrett Biblical Institute, gave some interesting and instructive lectures, in the Baptist Church, at 7:30, A. M. of the days mentioned below, on the following subjects:—*Claims of the Bible*—Thursday September 14th; *Human Additions to the Bible*, Friday Sept. 15th; *Genuineness of Scripture*, Saturday, Sept. 16th, *Inspiration*, Monday, Sept. 18th.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND.

D. F. Barnes, Treasurer, reports as follows :

All moneys coming into my hands for this Fund were received at the session of the Conference at Battle Creek, Sept. 1875, as follows:

From Kalamazoo, to be appropriated to students at Garrett Biblical Institute.....	\$100.00
From Ionia.....	11.00
" Niles.....	8.00
" Onondaga.....	2.30
" Old Mission.....	1.00
" S. N. Griffith (Jan. 22, 1876.).....	2.50
Total.....	\$124.80
Disbursed as follows:	
Student at Garrett Biblical Institute.....	\$50.00
Student at Albion College.....	24.80
Total disbursements.....	\$74.80
On hand for some student at Garrett Biblical Institute.....	\$50.00

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY: By order of the Conference the money was to be appropriated to such persons studying for the Ministry as might be designated by F. D. Hemenway, D. F. Barnes and Geo. B. Joiceyn, and \$74.80 of the collections were thus appropriated. There are in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, \$39.10 to be added to the \$50.00 making a total of \$89.10 in the hands of the Conference for the purpose above named. The \$50.00 however must be appropriated to some student in Garrett Biblical Institute, as it was given with that condition. The Statistical Tables will then show from which charges came the \$39.10 reported this year.

DETAILED MISSIONARY REPORT.

The two paragraphs of the discipline quoted below are ¶ 268 and ¶ 269 of the edition of 1876:

"268. It shall be the duty of the Preacher in Charge, aided by the Committee on Missions, to appoint Missionary Collectors, and furnish them with suitable books and instructions that they may call on each member of the Society, or church and congregation, and on other persons, at their discretion, for his or her annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly or weekly contributions for the support of Missions. Said collectors shall make monthly returns (unless otherwise instructed by the Committee) to the Preacher in Charge, or to the Missionary Treasurer of the Church, if there be such Treasurer appointed by the Committee on Missions. Such returns shall be fairly entered in a book, which the Committee shall provide, together with collections and contributions received from other sources. Such entries shall set forth the name of each collector, the real or assumed names of the contributors to each collector with the amount contributed by each.

269. Each Preacher in Charge shall report at Conference to the Executive Committee, or Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary Society, a plain transcript of the record of the returns provided for in ¶ 268, comprehending the name of each collector in his Charge, and the name, real or assumed, of each contributor to each collector, that they may be by said Executive Committee, or Board of Managers, properly arranged by districts and by charges for publication in the Annual Report of the Conference Missionary Society, together with the contributions and collections received from other sources, unless the Conference shall by vote declare such transcript returns and such publication not to be advisable."

The Conference by vote has not declared "such transcript returns and such publication not to be advisable," but has "required its pastors to furnish to the Conference Missionary Treasurer for publication in the Annual Minutes the detailed report referred to in paragraphs 267 and 268.

The following are all that have reported under the rule for the year ending Sept. 18th, 1876:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Bellevue:—Collected by the pastor, W. Riley \$25.00.

Union City—Rev. Geo. West, \$5.00. Rev. S. L. Hamilton and family \$3.00; F. R. Johnson, \$2.00; Mrs J. I. Copeland \$1.50; Miss Addie Wells, Miss Ella Johnson, A. J. Davis, A. R. Barrett, Caleb Padgham, J. D. Wellman, Jabin Gwinn, A. E. Tomlinson, Mr. Baker, Geo. Blackwell, M. E. Sawins, W. B. Sawins, Miss Anna Rocher, T. L. Kilbourn and wife, Oscar Cline and Wife, E. F. Hazen and wife each \$1.00; N. B. Brace 75 cents; Mrs. Sawin, Miss Nettie Hazen, Miss Julia Robinson, R. Barton, Mrs. Studley Mrs. Hills, Miss Leatherbury, R. Williams, John Cain, Mrs. J. Cain, Mrs. H. R. Daniels, Mrs. Rockwod, Mrs. Breeson, P. D. Wilbur, C. E. Luther, Matt. Doubleday, John Stafford, H. J. Watkins, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Foster, Mrs. O. E. Scott, R. Barton, each 50 cents; L. D. Little, Mrs. Youngman, Mrs. E. Studly, R. Frazer, A. Renew, Fred. Coddington, Lucius Roe. Mr. McIntyre, O. Bathrick L. Bathrick, Mrs. Luther, Mrs. McFarlin, L. L. Olmstead, C. C. Lake, I. C. Traverse, H. Kilbourn, Elra Gwinn, each 25 cents; Smaller sums \$7.25—Total 52.00.

Penfield Circuit—N. W. Assyria class Mrs. Rhoda Clark collector,—Mrs. Lucinda Squires \$2.00, Chas. S. Clark, \$1.75, W. A. Clark, \$1.50, Mrs. Susan Hyde, \$.75, C. L. Briggs and Mrs. C. L. Briggs, J. Stevens, E. Stevens, Mary J. Rand, Frank Squires, each 50 cents; Mrs. Rugg, Armenia Stanton. J. B. Norris, Clarinda Clark, each 25 cents—Total from N. W. Assyria \$10.00. North Marshall—Class, Mrs. Lucy Goucher collector: Collected by Mrs. Lucy Goucher, James Ackerson, \$3.00 Thos. Haggett, Thos. Templeton, A. K. King, F. W. Groucher and James Bryant, one dollar each; Mrs. Matilda Upright and Mr's C. M. Ackerson. fifty cents each; Public collection \$1.00. Total from

North Marshall, \$10. Verona class, Mrs. Minnie Lewey, collector, J. A. Radley and Wm. Wolf one dollar each; Mrs. Minnie Lewey Mrs. Mary Young, Miss Carrie A. Young, Miss Lillian Smith, Mr. Geo. A. Young and Mrs. P. Terry, fifty cents each; Mrs. Mary Callender and Miss Bell F. Young, 25 cents each. Total from Verona, \$5.50. Marvins and Bells Class, N. Bird collector—Susan Sackett and M. M. Thompson one dollar each; Dan'l Sackett Jr., Geo. P. Stevens, Philer J. Bostwick, Mrs. Permelia Bostwick, Mr. N. Bird, Mrs. Mary Bird and M. K. Tolls fifty cents each; D. Hook, Nora Hackett and M. E. Burrows, 25 cents each; Total from Marvins and Bells, \$6.25. Penfield class, Miss Martha Beach, collector—S. G. Gorsline and John Bird five dollars each; Mathew Atmore, James M. Parks, Wm. H. Gorsline, Mrs. A. Gordon and Miss Harriet Gorsline, one dollar each; Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. Jos. P. Beach, Mrs. E. A. Blinn, Mrs. M. Crouch and James Bird, 50 cents each; Martha Beach, Mary A. Gorsline Myra Beach, Louisa Blinn, Lena Haddock, Mrs. E. Kellogg, Geo. Errington, Richard Beach, Albert Gorsline, Chas. Parks Arthur Bird, Phebe Beach Mrs. A. Huggett, Herbert Brown, Scrah Badger Bert Shelden and Frank Errington each 25 cents; Mary Beach and Susie Errington, ten cents each. Total from Penfield class \$23.70. Grand total from Penfield charge, \$55.45, to constitute Mrs. Juliette L. Clark, Mrs. Lucy Goucher and Mrs. Minnie Levey, life members of the Conference Missionary Society and Miss Martha Beach, a life member of the Parent Society.

Nashville Charge—The following persons collected as follows: Ina F. Wood, \$10.15; Lucetta Ogden, \$2.50; Ella E. Lamb, \$6.00; Laura V. Savage, \$3.30; Lettie Cole, \$6.25. Total, \$28.20.

Olivet:—Public Collection, \$3.60; Mrs. Thomas Lyon, \$5.00. Total, \$8.60.

Marengo—Eckford Class: S. C. Robinson, \$5.00; D. Budlong, \$3.00; J. Skinner, T. Shipp, Sen., no name, each \$2.00; S. E. Robinson, Mrs. L. J. Sackett, W. N. Hill, Mrs. Jno. Skinner, each \$1.00; Mrs. McConnell, John Simmons, Sen., Mary Simmons, each 50 cts; Eugene Owen, James Easterly, each 25 cts. Total, \$20.00. East Eckford Class: Mrs. Geo. White, \$5.00; Mrs. Jno. Tonnes \$2.62; no name, \$1.03; O. Benton, M. Gorham, Sister Howard, Jno. Smith, each, 50 cents; Mary Benton, Maria Munnbrue, Stephen Burton, Lyman Burton, Mrs. Barrett, each 25 cents; Luther Rodger, 20 cents. Total from from East Eckford, \$12.00. Marengo Class: Lenora VanNess, \$16.00; C. G. Thomas, Reuben Fish, J. and A. Barry, each \$2.00; Wm. Pierce. Mrs. R. Y. Fish, each \$1.00; Mrs. James Barnes, Martha Adams, Josephine Clark, Alma Griffin, D. Ewing, each 50 cents; Mark Austin, G. J. Welch, S. C. Emory, Philena Kennedy, Mr. Fleming, Frank De Forrest, Mr. Starks, A. Mills, Mr. McDonald, Emma Lusk, M. A. Austin, each 25 cents; F. Rice, 15 cents; Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Southworth,

George Gildersleeve, each 10 cents; Miles Campbell, 20 cts.; Mrs. Bert Patterson, 30 cts. Total from Marengo Class, \$30.20. North Marengo Class: L. Coleman, \$3.00; C. Houck, \$2.00; G. Blake, J. Phillips; Mrs. S. Crossman, each \$1.00; A. L. Ammerman, 75 cents; L. P. Johnson H. Carver, J. W. Phelps, T. Coleman, Ann Backman, Julia Crossman, H. J. Coleman, each 50 cents; R. W. Ammerman, Mrs. J. Philips, Nellie Sampson, Mrs. J. Phelps, A. W. Ræsley, each 25 cents. Total from North Marengo Class, \$13.65. Total from Marengo Circuit, \$76.00.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Burr Oak Society—Miss Lucelia Atchinson, Collector. C. T. Atchinson, D. McVean, Mrs. C. Stevens, Mrs. S. V. Cornell and Rev. M. I. Smith, \$1.00 each. Jas. Caldwell, D. D. Remer, Geo. E. Smith, B. Mosher, 50 cts. each; Mrs. M. A. Annis, Miss Alice Remer, Miss Cora Remer, Miss Jennie Babcock, and Miss Hattie E. Smith, 25 cts. each; Smaller sums, 75 cts. Total \$9.00. Miss Ada J. Lampson, Collector: B. F. Lancaster, \$2.00; J. E. Wright, Mrs. J. Gates, and Melville Gates, Mrs. M. A. Smith, \$1.00 each; J. Ferris, Mrs. M. Beagle, and Charles Tisdale 50 cts. each; Mrs. A. L. Brown, Mrs. S. A. Owen, L. Graves, Wm. Whitney, and Mrs. W. Merchant, 25 cts. each; other sums \$3.00. Total, \$11.75.

Silver Creek Society—Miss Emma J. Green, Collector: F. Green, \$2.00; A. Geim, P. Bodfish, and A. Sanborn, \$1.00 each; Mrs. H. R. Green, G. Selleck, E. D. Bodfish, J. S. Hoffman, and M. Deal, 50 cts. each; W. Taylor, Mrs. B. Sanborn, A. W. Parham, L. Parham, Miss M. Parham, Mrs. S. Washburn Mrs. A. Selleck, each 25 cents; Other sums \$2.00. Total, \$11.25. Total from Burr Oak Charge, \$32. To constitute Miss Lucelia Atchinson, Miss Ada J. Lampson, and Miss Emma J. Green, Life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Surgis—Amount collected \$63.00 to constitute Jennie Drake, Mattie Graham, Hattie Ayres members of the Conference Society, and Elma Adams members of the Parent Society.

North Adams—\$139. To constitute Miss Rogella Benson, Miss Anna Wright, Miss Jessie M. Locklin, Miss Nellie Van Wagoner, Miss Emma J. Pursel, Miss Mary McAlister and Mrs. Esrom Benson Life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Constantine—Jennie Roberts Collector: George Pashby, \$1.00; A. Roberts, 60 cts. Wm. B. Stather, \$1.00; A. Calhoun, J. Moonny and Wm. W. Fury, \$1.00 each; Mrs. A. Calhoun, 25 cts.; J. Pashby 20 cts.; John Haydon 10 cts.; Sarah Ross 50 cts. Total \$6.55. Mattie A. Francisco, Collector. Henry Holmes and Dr. D. Thomas \$3.00 each; J. P. Hummer, Levi Eckert, H. A. Borst, B. E. Thomas, Mrs. Geo. Francisco and S. Teesdale, \$1.00 each; Levi Machemer, 75 cts; Mrs. G. Davis; 50 cts.; Mrs. Nelson, 25 cts. Total, \$13.50. Catherine E. Miller, Collector: Heman Harwood, \$3.00; G. W. Miller, \$1.15. Levi Miller

and James H. Linnell, 50 cts. each; Geo. Catton, 75 cts.; James W. Reiff, Sarah Catton, Charlotte Miller, C. Cotherman, Frank Drummond, James Mardock and J. R. Gentzler, 25 cts. each; A. Miller and W. Tracy, each 15 cts. Total, \$7.95. Sarah Langton, Collector: M. Bailey, \$1.00; James Langton, Chas. Pashby, S. Whited, Martha Whited, E. Engleman, and J. H. Langton, each 50 cts.; Wm. F. Pashby, 30 cts.; Mrs. G. Titus, Mary Titus, Cora Titus, and Elbert Glaspie, each 25 cents. Total, \$5.30. Gracie Black, Collector: John A. Bickford and Joseph Grier each \$2.00. Mrs. Steer, Mr. Blanchard and Thos. Welbourn, each \$1.00; D. French, Mrs. M. J. Brown, and Frank Catton, each \$1.00; D. French, Mrs. M. J. Brown, and Frank Catton, each 50 cts.; E. D. Thomas, 25 cts.; Wm. Stimson, 10 cts. Total, \$8.85. Total by Collectors, \$42.15; Total Public Collection, \$11.85; Total, \$54.00.

The following are to be made Life members of the Michigan Conference Missionary Society: Jennie Roberts, Sarah Langton, Gracie Black, Catherine E. Miller and Mattie A. Francisco.

Ransom—Collected, \$70.00: To constitute Miss Emma J. Lickly, Miss Alice Dukeman, Miss Angelia Smith, and Miss Minnie Russell Life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Bronson—Mary Reynolds, Collector: To be constituted a Life member of the Conference Missionary Society for raising \$15.00.

Coldwater—Amount raised \$341.00; of which \$170.00 is from the Bidwell bequest.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

South Haven—South Haven Society, Rev. E. S. Mechesney, J. H. Jackson, each \$2.00; F. A. Mechesney, Mrs. A. W. Benson, L. W. Travis, Mrs. A. S. Dyckman, M. F. Smith, J. F. Doty, each \$1.00. Mrs. Helen Jones, M. E. Bishop, H. W. Atherly, A. J. Pierce, J. Lamam, M. Rasmusseu, each 50 cents. W. T. Herrick, C. S. Simmons each 25 cents, cash, \$1.88. South Haven Sunday School \$6.13. West Casco Society, H. A. Fowler, A. J. Munger, N. Q. Munger, H. Patteman, Emma McDonald, J. Sanders, Mrs. M. McDowell, each 50 cents. H. Patterson, A. J. Munger, Elizabeth Bardeu, Jas. K. Bardeu, S. H. Hamilton, L. W. Osborn, M. McDowell, each 25 cents. West Geneva Society, C. W. Parish, E. Northrup, R. C. Dean, each 50 cents. C. H. Emerson, 40 cts. H. S. Bennett, Nancy Bennett, Mrs. Thos. East, W. M. Piper each 25 cents, cash 28 cents. Total for South Haven charge, \$30.19.

Plainwell:—Collector, Miss Nellie Hatfield, Sunday-school \$30.00. J. M. Copp, \$5.00; G. H. Bean, \$2.50, J. M. DeKraker, Priscella Conrad, Rev. G. A. Van Horn, each \$2.00; W. Griffin, \$3.00; Dr. Thomson, J. W. Soncrantz, Julia S. Mills, A. Burton, Emily Hancock each \$1.00. J. N. Hill, J. Russell, Mr. Fay, George Thunder, each 50 cents. Carrie E. H. Soule, 75 cents. Smaller sums, \$5.75. Total \$60.00. Appropriated to

constitute Nellie Hatfield, R. D. Russell, G. H. Bean, life members of the Parent Society.

Prairieville Charge.—Mrs. Whitefield, S. Killman, W. P. Sidnam \$2.00; A. B. Bush, James R. Bush, each \$1.00; Mrs. Delly Monroe, G. Bush each 50 cts., W. Shaw, A. Burson, John Jones, Mary Gwin, Lucy Jones, Peter Leinaar, Maria Jones, A. H. Sidnam, Mark Skillman, W. Gillespie, Romain Daniels and Cash, each 25 cts. Total \$8.00. Collected by Mrs. F. A. Blackman, Whitefield S. Killman, 50 cents; Marwin Gwin, T. J. Bush, each \$1.00; Maggie Stewart, 25 cents; D. Jones, 50 cents; J. Guthry, F. H. Guest, J. Nichols, M. J. Goss and J. Blackman, 25 cents each. Total \$4.50. Collected by Miss Katie Wheeler. A. P. Bronard, \$4.00; William Bronard, \$3.00; M. W. Nichols, \$2.00; Burton Warner, \$2.00; Edson Crawford, S. J. Warner, \$1.00; Laura Turpening, 50 cts.; Daniel Merlan, 75 cents; Helen Crawford, Mary Bronard and Katie L. McLiey, 25 cents each; Emma Ream 18 cents. Total \$15.18. Collected by Miss Luella Farr. Albert Warner, \$3.00; B. H. Farr, \$1.50; T. Kyes, J. H. Farr, \$1.00 each; Geo. Bentley, Eddy Farr, Marshall Cook, L. R. B. Warner, William Marshall, Robert Marshall and P. G. Marshall, 50 cents each; total, \$10.00 Collected by Miss Frankie Doyle; James Burst, \$1.00; J. W. Briggs, \$1.25; J. J. Pease, M. S. Boynton and J. Boynton, each \$1.00; Mrs. John Crump, 50 cents, and M. J. Goss, 20 cents; total \$5.95. Grand total, \$43.63, ten dollars of which is to constitute Miss Katie Wheeler, a life member of the Michigan Conference Missionary Society. Thirty dollars of which is to constitute Miss Luella Farr, Mrs. Whitefield S. Killman and Mrs. F. A. Blackman, life members of the Michigan Conference Missionary Society.

Matawan.—Miss Jennie Woodruff collected \$10.00.

Schoolcraft Charge.—Missionary collection, \$70.00; Thomas Wright, and J. S. Maring, \$5.00 each; A. Dawson, Mrs. J. T. Cobb, Mrs. L. F. Briggs, \$3.00 each. Smaller sums were contributed amounting to \$70.00. Mrs. R. Best and Miss E. Bonfacy were constituted members of the Parent Society. Mrs. M. Barker and Miss L. Tanckboner of Conference Society.

Bangor Charge.—Breedsville, collected by W. J. Hathaway \$3.76. Bangor Collection, 92 cents. Subscriptions (by Allie A. Gilbert) W. Harper \$1.35; R. G. Rount 50 cents Mrs. Jennie Brown 35 cents Mrs. C. C. Phillips 25 cents; Total \$3.37. Total for the Charge \$24.00.

Kalamazoo.—Comstock Class, \$30.20; Kalamazoo S. School \$96.10 Kalamazoo Society, E. A. Carder \$10.00; C. W. Elder, Mrs. H. F. Spencer. M. A. Bigelow, each \$5.00; E. J. Phelps, Henry Wood, Carrie F. Spencer each \$3.00 J. C. Pilgrim, J. D. Winter Ewen, Mrs. L. Basset each \$2.00 Mrs. W. C. Comfort, J. Zotinbough, D. J. Pierson, Mrs. H. S. Sleeper, Mrs. F. W. Midgett, J. Britton, C. Barnard, E. M. Potter, Nel,

lie Smith, J. W. Pierce, J. T. Robe, N. J. Wilkinson, J. Q. Adams Frances E. Slussar, L. M. Ekler, S. S. Linnell, H. S. Sleeper, Henry Wood, each \$1.00. Smaller sums not reported. Total, \$215.00.

NILES DISTRICT.

Buchanan—Collected by Miss Mary E. Russell, G. W. Noble, S. L. Ester, each \$2.00. W. S. Howe, \$5.00. T. J. Hunter, Mrs. S. L. Ester, H. Vincent, Mrs. H. Carlisle, M. W. Smith, Seth Smith, each, \$1.00. Annie Glover, Bill Carlisle, F. A. Michael, George Munson, G. F. Niles, each 50 cents. Mrs. Anderson, Lillie Warren, Frank Niles, Burt Niles, Mrs. Morley, Martha Fox, each 25 cents. Jane Glover, 10 cents. Total, \$19.00. Collected by Miss Emma Smith, G. B. McNeal, J. P. Binns, each \$1.00. W. E. Plimpton, Ed. Dick, D. A. Cheeney, A. E. Smith, each 50 cents. Mrs. Alvord, 20 cents. Mrs. Coffield, Mrs. McEwen, each 5 cents. Total, \$4.30. Collected by Miss Annette J. Bainton, Rev. Wm. M. Coplin, L. H. Copeland J. Black, each \$1.00. Mrs. W. H. Coplin, B. Ryneanson, Mrs. Hays, Luella Bacheler, Mrs. Burch, Charlie Coplin, Willie Barns, each 50 cents. Huldah Palmer, Melissa Gosline, each 25 cents. C. Rea, 10 cents. Total, \$7.10. Collection from Sunday-school, \$11.05. Total, \$41.55. To constitute each of the above collectors, and the Buchanan M. E. Sunday-school members, of the Conference Missionary Society.

St. Joseph—G. S. Barnes, F. Jordan, S. T. Cooper, \$5.00 each. O. O. Oleson, \$1.25. James Bailey, P. Johnson, each \$1.00. Mrs. C. Watkins, 50 cents. P. S. Clapp, \$1.00; others, \$2.35.

Niles—J. W. Hart, \$6.00. M. Herkeimer, Robert Allen, each \$5.00. Mrs. M. E. Barret, \$4.00. Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, W. W. Harder, each \$3.00. John White, Mrs. J. S. Tuttle, William Alma, W. J. Aldrich, Dr. Whitworth, Miss Hertton, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Brough, J. B. Cochran, each \$2.00. Mrs. J. W. Hart, Emma Tuttle, Anna Tuttle, Ruth Tuttle, Florence Tuttle, Perry Tuttle, L. F. Wikinson, Mrs. Alma, Fred Aldrich, Ira Aldrich, Henry Cameron, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mrs. Sortone, Mrs. Sorwill, Mr. Chad Brown, A. E. H. Marker, Mrs. C. B. Hart, Alice Brickell, Emma Kittell, H. Metcalf, Eddie Woodford, Jennie Stocking, Eva Stocking, Mrs. Stocking, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Reading, Mrs. Bell, James Harter, Emma Spason, Laura Fields, Amos Ribble, Miss Agnes Metcalf, Sadie Fuller, Emery Brichell, Mrs. J. M. Pierson. Bro. Cutback, Mrs. Chas. Allen, George Fowler, each \$1.00. Total, \$82.50.

Edwardsburg Circuit—\$10.00 from Wm. C. Kownover and wife to constitute Reppie Kownover a life member of Michigan Conference Missionary Society. Martha E. Dennis, Laura Parsons, R. May Smith, Kittie Weaver, collected \$10.00 each, to constitute themselves life members of Michigan Conference Missionary Society. Annie H. Stryker and Alice M. Smith, members of Michigan Conference Missionary Society, collected \$5.00 each. Total, \$60.00.

Silver Creek—Pipestone Society. Collected by Miss Sarah Crall. N. M. Steele, \$10; Kate Griswold, 50 cents; miscellaneous, 25 cents. Total, \$10.75. Collected by Miss Belle Reames: Robert Cassida, Millo Jennings, Theo. Clark, each \$2.00. Wm. Cassida, \$1.00. S. C. Reames, Sarah Jennings, Anfanda Cassida, Belle Reames, S. M. J. Reames, Mrs. C. Tallman, miscellaneous, each 50 cents. Total, \$10.50. Collected by Ella Taylor: James F. Haskins, M. W. Jennings, each \$2.00, John W. Gardner, \$1.00; Mrs. Taylor, Ella Taylor, Lizzie Jennings, miscellaneous, each 50 cents; total, \$7.00. Collected by Miss Carrie Burbank: Wm. S. Farmer, \$5.00. Charles A. Burbank, Charles Jennings, Rebecca Jennings, Malcom Harkins, Almarian Harkins, Loie Parks, each \$1.00. Carrie Burbank, Annie Burbank, Kate Griswold, James A. Kirk, William Friend, each 50 cents. Miscellaneous, 55 cents. Total, \$14.05. Collected by Mrs. G. Conklin: \$24.00. Miscellaneous, \$3.35. Misses Burbank, Reames, Crall and Taylor constituted members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Dowagiac—J. Coney, \$5.00; Sabbath collection, \$3.28, Bro. Vrooman, \$3.00; Sis. Jackson, \$2.50; Peter Hardy, \$2.00; Rev. I. B. Tallman, \$1.22; Mrs. I. B. Tallman, Sister Andus, L. J. Diefendorf, W. Griswold, J. Sturr, each \$1.00. Albert Rouse, 50 cents. Total, \$22.50.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Rapids City Mission—Collected by Sophia Sprague, \$14.80; by Rev. W. W. Johnson, \$4.50; by Elsie Barclay, \$3.10; by East St. Sunday-school, \$2.60. Total, \$25.00.

Rockford—Sarah Page, \$5.00; O. F. Hyde, \$3.00; H. K. Crosman \$2.00; Mrs. Judson, Mrs. Willett, M. Willett, Miss C. A. Hayes, C. W. Skilling, C. Whitworth, W. W. Baker, P. Brownell, each \$1.00; Public Collection, \$2.00; Sunday-school, \$3.00. Total, \$33.00. Miss Ida Judson is constituted a Life member of the Parent Society Elva Hoodley a Life member of the Conference Society, and Matie Smith a Life member of the Juvenile Society.

Muskegon—J. D. Folmer and wife, C. L. Barnhart, each \$5.00; J. W. Moon and wife \$3.00; Mary Radley, M. A. Straight, each \$2.00; E. P. Watson \$1.50; O. B. Curtiss, Satie Curtis, M. E. Emory, W. H. Shantz, Mrs. W. H. Shantz, M. M. Elston, M. Culburt, G. J. Tillotson, E. R. Ford, W. Boyer, Mrs. C. L. Barnhart, each \$1.00; W. F. Pew, Helen Pew, Jennie Barnhart, each 50 cts.; Alice A. Pew, Marion Pew, Irving Pew, Charles S. Pew, Alice Barnhart, Amanda Barnhart, each 25 cents; Glenna Schwartz 30 cents; Less sums, 20 cents. Total, \$33.00.

Cannon—Collected from East Cannon Class by Callie Ramsdell, \$20.00; by Alford Tiffany \$16.00; Collected from Oakfield class by Mrs. Hester Ann Spaulding, \$20.00; Collected from Cannonsburg Class by Miss Mary A. Whitman, \$9.00. Total \$65.00.

Irving—Amount collected \$35.00. Miss Ida Hills, Mrs. Carrie E. Campbell, Mrs. Ann H. Devine, constituted Life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Lamont—\$25.00. To constitute Miss Marcia A. Hill, of Lamont, and Miss Julia M. Griffith, of Eastmanville, Life members of the Conference Missionary Society, and Miss Dora Campbell, of Lamont, a Life member of the Juvenile Society.

Lyons—G. E. Hollister, collected \$15.00.

Portland—Total collection, \$136.00. Contributed as follows: Jas. W. Reid, Annie E. Reid, Alice M. Reid, George A. Reid, John M. Reid, L. K. Showman, Mrs. L. K. Showman, Dora Showman, Calla Showman, Isabella Tomlin, John D. Woodbury, Charles H. Maynard, Louise Lee, F. G. Lee, Francis Maynard, Cash, Mrs. H. G. Stevens, W. W. Bogue, Martha Bogue, Harvey Knox, each \$5.00; Asa C. Davis, Mary White, (deceased) by Edwin White, Caroline Newman, Henry Van Buren, each \$2.00. Wm. Hixon, Wm. C. Brooks, B. S. Carpenter, Ormond Brown, Mrs. Wm. H. White, Emily C. White, Hannah Perry Emily Atchley, T. B. Hubbard, J. M. Barnard, Ira Hamlin, Mrs. Fetterplace, Caddie Hugg, each \$1.00; John A. Carpenter, 75 cents; Sarah Morehouse, N. Wainright, Ethelysen Roe, Melvin Peck, Wm. H. White, Clarence Storms, Mattie Storms, George Loomis, W. L. Freese, J. H. Goss, Louisa Outwater, C. S. Cook, D. H. Warren, D. Murch, Edward Williams, Silas Pilkinton, Brewster Bogue, Freddy Knox, each 50 cents; Sherman Soper, Addie Wainright, Wallace Jeffers, George Jourdan, Rhoda Peck, Elijah Fletcher, Amanda Haire, Cora A. Stone, John Harris, Sarah Pilkinton, A. J. Cook, Wm. Marble, Caroline Warren, J. Boden, W. Minor, Winnie Allen, each 25 cents; Clifton Maynard 20 cents; Frank Wilkins, Little girl, Little boy, 15 cents each; Louisa Stevens, Cash, Sarah Perrin, H. P. Blake, S. Goff, Mahala Milner, each 10 cents.

Woodland.—Woodland Center Sunday school—Collected by George Bettinger \$8.76; by George Carpenter \$7.45; by Hattie Carpenter \$3.00; by George Holbrook, \$3.90; by Luthera Corille, \$2.00; by Mary Rowley \$2.05. Philips Sunday school, collected by Matie Grames \$5.00; by Hattie Youngs \$5.00; by Kittie Grames 3.05; by Jesssie Barnum, \$3.01; by Lottie Sackett, \$1.80; by Ida Wood, \$3.10; by Lucy Harris, .50; by Emma Stitson \$4.01. Castleton Sunday school—collected by Francis Miller, \$6.00; by Susan A. Miller, \$3.00; by Sarah Hilton, \$4.90; by Melissa Endsley .25. Carleton Center, Sunday school, collected by Lillie Center, \$3.14; by Clittie Landon, \$3.72; by Otis Landon, .65; South Carlton Sunday School—Mary Kenyon, .60; collected by Frank Kenyon, \$3.00. Total \$77.69.

Muir.—J. Hills, 5.00.

Danby vnd Sebeva—Collectors, Mrs. Sarah Baker, Mrs. Mary A. Hill Mrs. Louisa Olerg, Miss Doxie.

Carson City—Maria Brice, Ella Hileker, Hattie Howe, Flora Pennington are entitled to become life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Greenville Circuit—Fairplains Class, by Sister Kniffen \$14.00; Woolverton Plains Class, by James E. Sheldon, \$10.00; Fullers class, by Minnie S. Fuller, \$10.00; Eureka Class, by Jessie S. Holding, \$6 55; Blytons Class— Total \$40.55.

LANSING DISTRICT.

Ovid.—Amount collected \$56.00 of which the Young People,s Lyceum paid \$5.00.

Duplain.—Elsie Society, Alice Sickles Collector, \$24.00; Duplain Society, Della Hosler Collector, \$22.27; Shepherdsville Class, Charlotte Scudder Collector, \$6.73. Total \$53.00; Alice Sickels, Della Hosler, are made Life Members of the Parent Society and Charlotte Scudder of the Conference Society,

St. Louis—To make Della Loveland a Life Member of the Parent Society, \$20.00.

Maple Rapids —Amount Collected \$40.00 of which \$20.00 are to make Mary E. Auten Life Members of the Parent Society, and \$10.00 to make Sarah Smith a Life Member of the Conference Society.

De Witt.—Amount collected \$30.00; of which \$6.00 collected from Victor class to make Isaac Moore and Fred Hagarty Life Members of the Juvenile Missionary Society; \$20.00 from the DeWitt class to make Irene Lewis a Life Member of the Parent Society.

Onondaga Circuit—Robbius Church, \$6.60; Robbins Church Sunday school \$1.26; Winfield Church, \$5.38; Winfield Sunday school, \$26; Bunelius School House \$1.80; Onondaga Village \$1.60, Total \$16.90.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Evart—From church and congregation by N. Saunders, \$15.00; From Sunday school by Sarah Borland, \$3.00; by Hattie Gordon, \$1.35; by Minnie Jeffs \$1.00; by Lydia Gass, \$1.50; by Lutie Peter, \$1.00; by Sarah Morgan, \$.55; by Etta Smith, \$.35; by Gracie Luidu, \$.35; N. Saunders, \$5.90. Total \$30.00.

Elm Hall—Charles Johnson, J. H. Thomas, each \$1.00; B. Blanchard J. Pingel, J. H. Sly, S. Almedy, F. Blain, J. Tripp, L. J. McLeve, each 50 cents; M. Williams, J. Stroyer, M. S. Nichols, G. Olliver, N. A. Slapper, W. Lets, Mrs. Lets, Betsey Hickman, Mr. Stevens, S. Mc Intosh Mary Noble, Mrs. Miller, John Paynter, George Benton, John Kerwin each 25 cents Ward Filk 20 cents; J. S. Hildreth, 15 cents; Mrs. Hildreth 10 cents. Total \$10.00.

Alma—Salt River Class; Mamie Baughman, collector: M. Loomis, R. Baughman, T. L. Steuard, James Campbell, each \$1.00; F. D. M., G. Gander, each 50 cents; J. B. Marple, N. W. Marple, W. Wanch, each 25 cents. Total, \$5.75. Pine River Class, A. Tarr, collector: A.

Tarr, 25 cents; S. Moody, 50 cents; Hayse, 25 cents; Taft, 10 cents; total, \$1.10. Alma Class, T. H. Thayne, collector; A. A. Tompkins, J. Tompkins, cash, W. O. Shayer, L. Thompkins, each 50 cents; cash, \$1.00; T. H. Thayer, E. F. Bunn, D. Wiley, each 25 cents; total, \$11.25. East Line Class, A. M. Harteney, 30 cents; D. McKinley, 11 cents; total, 41 cents. Cheney's Class, 49 cents; total, \$12.00.

PENTWATER DISTRICT.

Fremont Center—Collection, \$8.45.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Monroe Center—Monroe Center Society, Mrs. Elizabeth Horten, collector; W. Monroe, \$1.00; S. Schell, Ella Whitman, Lary Adams, Mrs. Horton, Jane Whitman, F. M. Dietz, each 50 cents; Ruth Dunn, 25 cents; public collection, \$1.65; total, \$5.90. Nickerson's Class, Miss Emogene Brett, collector; Wm. P. Dego, J. W. Sheldon, Miss M. Nickerson, F. M. Deitz, a friend, each 50 cents; Mrs. Betsey Nickerson, C. W. Brett, each 25 cents; collection, \$2.35; total, \$5.35. Mayfield Class, Mrs. Sarah McCollum, collector; F. M. Dietz, J. L. Gibbs, C. A. Denniston, D. Crandall, Myra Chalker, Miss L. Barnum, B. F. Gibbs, Mr. Kelly, C. W. Kingsley, each 50 cents; Levi Murray, A. H. Cleaveland, each 25 cents; J. C. McCrell, Mrs. L. P. McCollum, George Couch, I. Dawdy, Mrs. Dawdy, each, \$1.00; collection, 30 cents; total, \$10.30. Foust's Class, I Foust, collector; I. Foust, A. Smith, each \$1.00; F. M. Deitz, D. B. Davis, A. B. Davis, W. Brighty, E. C. G. Davis, L. Hall, each 50 cents; C. B. Dawes, T. L. Dawes, each 25 cents; collection, 35 cents; total, \$6 85. Bennett's Class, Mrs. Bethany Kendall, collector; Wm. D. Kendall, \$1.12; T. Cayton, Mrs. L. W. Cayton, John Paddock, each \$1 00; Lammon, Mary Stupers, Miss A. Moors, F. M. Deitz, J. L. Bennett, each 50 cents; Mrs. Ramsey, 75 cents; Hamet Howard, Mrs. A. Lockwood, each 25 cents; collection, \$2.13; Total, \$10.40. West Union Class, Mrs. Doratha Miller, collector; Geo E. Bregg, F. M. Deitz, Wm. Hanen, each 50 cents; Amanda Broadway, Mrs. Priest, Lucy A. Harren, E. Geilsay, each 25 cents; collection, \$1.52; total, \$4.02.

Cheboygan—Church, \$3.41; Sabbath-school scholars collection, \$17 59; Duncan collected, \$1.00; total, \$22.00.

CHURCH EXTENSION TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Church Extension asked this Conference to raise \$2500 and of his amount there has been collected and reported as follows:

L. R. ATWATER, Treasurer.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Am't Ass'd.	Am't Paid.
ALBION DISTRICT.			
Albion.....	W. H. Perrine		\$ 6 35
Marshall	D. Engle.....	\$ 9 00	
Jackson	J. H. McCarty.....	25 00	7 00
Marengo.....	C. G. Thomas	10 00	6 00
Parma	C. C. Olds.....	13 00	16 00
Concord	E. Wigle.....	10 00	1 50
Mosherville.....	A. L. Crittenden.....	9 00	2 50
Tekonsha	G. C. Draper.....	10 00	9 00
Leroy	A. M. Gould.....	14 00	14 00
Bellevue.....	W. Riley	14 00	5 00
Penfield	E. D. Young.....	10 00	1 00
South Albion.....	A. M. Fitch.....	6 00	6 00
Battle Creek	L. H. Pearce	16 00	11 25
Homer.....	N. Fassett.....	12 00	3 00
Liberty.....	J. H. Tanner	9 00	1 00
Hanover.....	T. H. Jacokes	8 00	
Litchfield.....	A. Hunsberger	10 00	
Union City.....	S. L. Hamilton	10 00	1 60
Burlington	J. H. Ross.....	8 00	4 04
Nashville	E. L. Kellogg.....	8 00	3 50
Olivet.....	T. Lyon.....	5 00	
Springport	S. M. Merritt.....	6 00	
Tompkins.....	U. Mason.....	10 00	5 50
Moscow	E. Marble.....	9 00	1 00
		\$277 00	\$102 24
COLDWATER DISTRICT.			
Coldwater.....	I. Cogshall.....	\$ 40 00	\$ 8 00
Girard.....	W. Paddock.....	15 00	
Allen	J. T. Iddings.....	10 00	
Jonesville.....	G. L. Cole.....	10 00	2 00
North Adams.....	E. D. Bacon.....	20 00	12 00
Bronson.....	J. E. White.....	10 00	1 25
Gilead	F. N. Janes.....	8 00	
Constantine	H. Hall.....	20 00	2 75
White Pigeon.....	L. P. Ferguson.....	8 00	1 35
Colon.....	T. T. George.....	10 00	3 00
North Batavia.....	F. Gage.....	5 00	1 00
Reading	C. H. Ellis.....	5 00	1 00
Quincy	G. L. Haight.....	10 00	6 00
Cambria.....	J. Clubine.....	10 00	2 00
Hillsdale.....	I. R. A. Wightman.....	16 00	
Osseo	S. George.....	10 00	
Bur Oak.....	M. I. Smith.....	10 00	3 00
Centerville	G. W. Tuthill.....	25 00	
Mottville.....	J. Webster.....	10 00	2 00
Kinderhook	E. A. Tanner	5 00	2 50
Butler	L. Jackson	4 00	
Ransom	D. A. Ide.....	5 00	1 18
Sturgis	J. Graham.....	20 00	5 30
		\$ 286 00	\$ 54 33

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Am't Ass'd.	Am't Paid.
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.			
Kalamazoo	H. F. Spencer	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00
Three Rivers	J. W. Miller	30 00	11 00
Parkville	H. H. Parker	11 00	2 00
Schoolcraft	J. White	11 00	10 00
Athens	M. V. Rork	4 00	.....
Mattawan	D. M. Ward	4 00	3 00
Augusta	W. Barrett	5 00	6 00
Prairieville	J. Boynton	11 00	3 00
Cooper	J. S. Valentine	11 00	1 20
Martin	G. W. Hoag	4 00	3 17
Allegan	R. C. Crawford	6 00	6 00
Bloomington	J. F. Orvick	3 00	1 00
South Haven	E. S. Mechesney	4 00	3 00
Douglass	S. P. Hewitt	3 00	1 55
Waukeshma	J. W. White	4 00	2 00
Oshtemo	T. Clark	5 00	.....
Galesburg	L. W. Earl	16 00	3 00
Bedford	E. A. Ketcham	11 00	5 00
Richland	E. H. Day	6 00	3 00
Plainwell	J. H. Potts	11 00	7 35
Otsego	C. T. Van Antwerp	8 00	2 50
Kendall	S. S. Willson	3 00	1 25
Bangor	W. Harper	4 00	1 50
Mendon	I. C. Abbott	6 00	6 00
		\$ 211 00	\$ 112 52
NILES DISTRICT.			
Niles	W. J. Aldrich		\$ 12 50
Dayton	F. I. Bell		65
Bridgeman	A. B. Kellogg .....		.....
Berrien Springs	N. Mount		1 60
Hartford	S. C. Woodward		2 00
Paw Paw	J. K. Stark		1 00
Decatur	J. M. Aikin .....		.....
Buchanan	A. J. Russell		2 15
New Buffalo	G. W. Gosling		3 00
St. Joseph	G. S. Barnes		1 50
Benton Harbor	Wm. Prouty		5 37
Coloma	G. C. Elliott		1 00
Lawrence	A. T. Gray		1 80
Lawton	J. P. Force		1 00
Dowagiac	I. B. Tallman		2 66
Pokagon	D. Burns		3 00
Keeler	E. H. Sparling		3 00
Lagrange	J. Hoyt .....		.....
Edwardsburg	G. S. Hicks		2 50
Marcellus	M. Eddie .....		.....
Silver Creek	N. M. Steele		2 40
Cassopolis	J. W. H. Carlisle		3 00
		\$ 163 11	\$ 50 13
IONIA DISTRICT.			
Ionia	H. M. Joy	\$ 38 00	\$ 89 20
Greenville Circuit		13 00	4 24
Lowell	S. P. Warner	8 00	.....
Saranac	A. J. Wheeler	10 00	2 50
Woodland	N. Bray	22 00	20 00
Orleans	M. D. Carrol	22 00	2 00
Lyons	G. E. Hollister	6 00	1 50
Carson City	S. Kitzmiller	6 00	5 00
Muir	J. Hills	5 00	.....
Bowne	C. A. Warner	5 00	2 00
Sheridan	J. F. Wallace	5 00	.....
Portland	J. W. Reid	75 00	16 70
Greenville	A. R. Boggs	25 00	15 00
Stanton	A. D. Newton	10 00	6 00
Vergennes	J. Roberts	22 00	7 00
Hubbardston	W. M. Ball	12 00	12 00
Palo	B. S. Mills	16 00	5 75
Orange	G. A. Phillips	22 00	.....
Danby and Sebewa	T. J. Spencer	15 00	.....
Pewamo	J. W. Hallenbeck	5 00	.....
		\$ 292 00	\$ 188 86

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Am't Ass'd.	Am't Paid.
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.			
Division Street.....	T. F. Hildreth.....	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00
Second Street.....	G. D. Lee.....	25 00	.....
City Mission.....	J. A. Sprague.....	3 00	2 00
Ada.....	W. S. Hine.....	5 00	.....
Cannon.....	B. H. Whitman.....	15 00	4 50
Sparta.....	L. W. Calkin.....	12 00	2 00
Ravenna.....	G. W. McLaine.....	6 00	4 00
Coopersville.....	R. McEwing.....	5 00	.....
Muskegon.....	C. L. Barnhart.....	12 00	7 00
Berlin.....	O. B. Whitmore.....	6 00	3 06
Ventura.....	J. E. Blackfield.....	3 00	.....
Monterey.....	N. D. Marsh.....	9 00	6 00
Hastings.....	G. W. Snerman.....	12 00	7 00
Irving.....	N. Browning.....	8 00	3 00
Middleville.....	J. Hulin.....	10 00	1 41
Alaska.....	F. Cleghorn.....	15 00	3 10
Rockford.....	E. Hayes.....	10 00	4 15
Cedar Springs.....	A. Rogers.....	12 00	.....
Lisbon.....	H. O. Lawrence.....	4 00	.....
Lamont.....	C. H. Fisher.....	7 00	2 25
Spring Lake.....	L. Masters.....	10 00	2 00
Grandville.....	E. Bray.....	6 00	2 00
Holland.....	F. Glass.....	4 00	2 10
Byron Center.....	O. E. Wightman.....	9 00	4 50
Wayland.....	L. Bathrick.....	9 00	2 00
Edgerton.....	N. A. Baker.....	2 00	1 00
		\$ 234 00	\$ 87 97
LANSING DISTRICT.			
Central Church.....	E. Cooley jr.....	\$ 30 00	.....
First Church.....	A. A. Rolfe.....	10 00	.....
Mason.....	A. A. Knappen.....	19 00	\$ 10 29
Charlotte.....	C. S. Fox.....	23 00	.....
Eaton Rapids.....	W. Doust.....	20 00	.....
Leslie.....	J. Gulick.....	14 00	1 00
St. Johns.....	D. D. Gillett.....	10 00	1 00
Vermontville.....	N. L. Brockway.....	20 00	.....
Okemos.....	B. S. Pratt.....	18 00	1 00
De Witt.....	W. J. Swift.....	16 00	3 00
Chester.....	H. P. Barker.....	15 00	1 00
Rives.....	W. J. Minehen.....	9 00	.....
Bengal.....	J. S. Harder.....	10 00	3 50
Onondaga.....	B. W. Smith.....	12 00	2 00
Ovid.....	J. Hamilton.....	20 00	12 00
St. Louis.....	H. D. Jordan.....	10 00	1 00
Grand Ledge.....	J. R. Cadwell.....	15 00	2 00
Du Plain.....	D. C. Woodward.....	20 00	4 00
Bath.....	C. A. Jacques.....	16 00	.....
Diamondale.....	E. A. Whitwam.....	10 00	1 00
Ithaca.....	C. VanAuken.....	8 00	.....
Breckenridge.....	.....	5 00	.....
Maple Rapids.....	T. J. Freeman.....	20 00	.....
		\$ 350 00	\$ 42 79
BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT			
Big Rapids.....	L. Tarr.....	.....	8 00
Evarts.....	M. Saunders.....	.....	5 00
Howard City.....	.....	.....	.....
Casnovia.....	R. H. Brearly.....	.....	2 00
Sand Lake.....	H. Cogshall.....	.....	.....
Alma.....	H. N. Hall.....	.....	1 00
Sherman City.....	A. G. Wiggins.....	.....	1 00
Isabella Indian Mission.....	J. R. Robinson.....	.....	1 00
Mount Pleasant.....	A. C. Beach.....	.....	2 00
Pierson.....	W. I. Cogshall.....	.....	75
Morley.....	D. O. Ball.....	.....	1 00
Lakeview.....	J. Marzolf.....	.....	1 00
Mill Brook.....	J. A. Wood.....	.....	.....
Reed City.....	J. R. Oden.....	.....	.....
Farwell.....	G. Donaldson.....	.....	1 00
Ashton.....	A. F. Linn.....	.....	.....
Big Prairie.....	.....	.....	.....
Elm Hall.....	J. H. Thomas.....	.....	1 00
Newaygo.....	J. A. Barnes.....	.....	1 00
		\$ 42 19	\$ 25 75

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Collect'ns	gates.	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers		Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 15 years of age, not in infant class.	Scholars in infant class	Total No. of Scholars.		Average weekly attendance of teachers and scholars	Number of conversions.	Expenses of the school during the year.	No. Vols. in library.	No. of papers and periodicals taken.
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STATISTICS OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1876.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Percent Collect'ns		Number.	No. Officers and Teachers		Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 15 years of age, not in infant class.	Scholars in infant class	Total No. of Scholars.		Average weekly attendance of teachers and scholars	Number of conversions.	Expenses of the school during the year.	No. Vols. in library.	No. of papers and periodicals taken.
ence Defectives.			Church members.	Non-Ch. memb's.				Church members.	Non-Ch. memb's.					
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

General Conference Delegates.	Sp'l Collect'ns	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers.		Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 15 years of age, not in infant class.	Scholars in infant class	Total No. of Scholars.		Average weekly attendance of teachers and scholars	Number of conversions.	Expenses of the school during the year.	No. Vols. in library.	No. of papers and periodicals taken.
			Church members.	Non-Ch. memb's.				Church members.	Non-Ch. memb's.					
9	10 00	43 28	1	24	72	90	42	44	160	155	10	137 00	300	135
			1	20			40		140	140	12	110 00	118	91
0	5 00		4	32	23	115	43	67	207	205	84	83 60	379	165
		99 00	1	22					225	165	19	225 00	538	260
	7 50	38 00	1	18	145	55	30	100	100	137	25	135 59	200	100
		37 38	3	20	14	80	40	80	100	137	15	100 00		200
	2 00		1	16	3	30	15	26	60	51		30 00	263	85
	4 00		5	5			5	100		230		46 00	253	200
	1 75		6	35	9			53		239	10	139 10		499
	3 25		3	18		25			63	60		45 00	150	115
			4	25	15	74	32		144	148	2	35 20	100	203
0			1	17		40		35	60	60				
	3 00		2	12		10	11	12	61	58	6	5 00	175	25
	4 00	4 30	2	25	3	87	25	33	7	111	1	27 76		50
7	8 00		1	21	3	70	42	105	100	103	1	78 56	300	70
	2 00		2	5	15	25	30	70	50	100	20	60 00	250	100
			3	25	5		25	5	145	100		75 00	300	75
	3 50		2	12	18				100				200	
	4 30		2	13		40	25	30	70	80	11	35 00	140	80
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			4	24					120					
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			1	17	1		7	10	36	30	3	70 00	69	30
	1 00		2	15						90			400	50
	1 50		2	12	2	40	20		120	90		75 00	60	75
	50		5	22	3	65	15	21	79	75	15		100	25
			4	20	16	37	34	30	98	91	1	13 70	358	30
	1 00		4	13	4	35	25	35	77	112		11 00	60	47
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STATISTICS OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1876.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Number. General Conference Delegates.	Sp'l Collect'ns	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers		Scholars over 15 years of age.	Scholars under 15 years of age, not in infant class.	Scholars in infant class	Total No. of Scholars.		Average weekly attendance of teachers and scholars	Number of conversions.	Expenses of the school during the year.	No. Vols. in library.	No. of papers and periodicals taken.
			Church members.	Non-Ch. mem'rs.				Church members.	Non-Ch. mem'rs.					
1 25	1 25	1	10	7	20	40	20	.....	80	68	6	100 00	225	85
.....	.....	7	8	.....	12	31	25	8	60	41	.....	16 78	.....	64
75	.....	4	36	18	30	50	20	.....	100	27	.....	.....	.....	8
1 00	.....	3	18	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	91	2	42 00	210	87
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
.....	.....	1	5	3	20	40	13	1	79	50	2	60 00	140	100
.....	.....	2	8	3	15	20	15	10	15	65	7	60 00	175	176
1 50	.....	2	20	4	55	45	5	20	80	90	20	30 00	300	120
.....	.....	2	19	1	50	150	40	10	230	170	3	154 00	.....	516
.....	4	58	45	80	20	120	30 00	500
1 50	75 00	2	14	2	48	50	16	24	55	114	6	40 00	50	150
.....	2	19	30	35	30	80	35 10	100	83
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.....	3	9	4	50	30	15	30	65	70	10 00	50	60
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6 00	79 25	43	232	44	404	607	244	112	940	918	53	582 38	1750	1515
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4 58 30	561 86	53	582	57	1384	1490	685	1195	2268	2483	263	1641 16	5437	2169
3 31 98	14 85	60	524	114	1414	1155	570	816	3057	2612	300	1217 83	4874	2197
3 36 25	228 50	82	535	146	1903	1688	687	866	3035	3226	215	1747 92	5022	3091
2 24 56	119 68	42	367	102	1105	1584	433	591	1774	2109	224	1044 82	3254	1762
2 16 50	169 30	58	445	109	1240	1304	516	955	2184	2679	144	1017 90	3872	1742
2 42 89	39 75	48	418	107	1312	989	455	553	2575	2029	155	1251 98	3763	2188
2 58 05	221 96	55	443	124	854	751	518	789	1956	2606	249	1547 20	4263	3234
1 16 00	10 00	35	210	161	614	580	480	300	1180	1227	96	730 88	1418	1128
1 6 00	43	232	44	404	607	244	112	940	918	53	582 38	1750	1515
1 10 00	4 00	40	235	64	504	493	207	285	1886	743	62	449 80	2257	825
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CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Am't Ass'd.	Am't Paid.
PENTWATER DISTRICT.			
Pentwater.....	W. M. Colby.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00
Ludington.....	W. H. Sparling.....	4 00	1 00
Bear Lake.....	.....	2 00	.....
Riverton.....	L. J. Griffin.....	1 00	1 00
Shelby.....	G. L. Mount.....	1 50	1 50
Benona.....	J. A. Van Fleet.....	1 00	.....
Hesperia.....	.....	1 00	25
Frankport.....	A. G. Parish.....	1 00	50
Hart.....	N. G. Dayton.....	2 00	2 00
Manistee.....	A. H. Gillett.....	4 00	1 30
Victory.....	E. C. Chambers.....	72	75
Crystal and Indian Mission.....	D. W. Parsons.....	1 00	50
Whitehall.....	C. Chick.....	2 00	3 00
Fremont Center.....	C. H. Howe.....	1 50	.....
Turin Lake.....	.....	.....	.....
Ferry.....	J. Major.....	50	.....
Beaver.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$ 26 22	\$ 13 77
GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.			
Cheboygan.....	W. H. Ware.....	.....	\$ 76
Glen Arbor.....	J. M. Whitney.....	.....	2 00
Charlevoix.....	J. P. Williams.....	.....	2 50
Clam Lake.....	L. Dodds.....	.....	2 00
Sherman.....	J. M. Robinson.....	.....	1 00
Monroe Center.....	F. M. Deltz.....	.....	3 00
		\$ 29 63	\$ 11 26

It will be seen that there has been a falling off of about 18 per cent. on last year's collections, and the Treasurer would very kindly refer those fifty brethren that took no collection for this fund, to section 21, page 116, Discipline edition of 1876.

L. R. ATWATER, Treasurer,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

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| Aikin, James M., Decatur. | Chick, C., Keeler. |
| Aldrich, W. J., Jackson. | Clark, T., Martin. |
| Bacon, E. D., Mosherville. | Crawford, R. C., Cedar Springs. |
| Ball, D. O., Lowell. | Crittenden, A. L., Union City. |
| Ball, Wm. M., Hubbardston. | Cogshall, I., Coldwater. |
| Bangs, F. B., Lansing. | Cogshall, W. I., Pentwater. |
| Barrett, W., Augusta. | Colby, W. M., North Adams. |
| Barnhart, C. L., Muskegon. | Cole, Geo. L., Rockford. |
| Barnes, D. F., Grand Rapids. | Congden, T. J., Alamo. |
| Barnes, G. S., St. Joseph. | Cooley, E. Jr., Lansing. |
| Bathrick, L., Wayland. | Cleghorn, T., Ada. |
| Beach, A. C., Pierson. | Clubine, J., Bronson. |
| Bell, F. I., Edwardsburgh. | Coplin, W. M., Holland. |
| Bennett, I., Quincy. | Day, E. H., Richland. |
| Bennett, L. M., Dayton. | Dayton, J. N., Hart. |
| Bignell, T. H., Grand Haven. | Deitz, F. M., Manton. |
| Billings, A., Albion. | Donaldson, Geo. Bear Lake Mills. |
| Blanchard, S. G., Grand Ledge. | Doughty, B. F., Sturgis. |
| Boggs, A. R., Greenville. | Doust, W., Eaton Rapids. |
| Bray, N., Orleans. | Dunton, A. A., Constantine. |
| Brockway, W. H., Albion. | Draper, G. C., Moscow. |
| Brockway, N. L., Leslie. | Dodds, Lafayette, Clam Lake. |
| Browning, M., Osseo. | Draper, J., Benona. |
| Bronson, W. A., Holland. | Earl, L. W., Galesburg. |
| Boynton, J., Prairieville. | Edmonds, L. M., Allegan. |
| Buell, J. I., Ionia. | Eldred, A. J., Ionia. |
| Burns, D., Albion. | Ellis, C. H., Ransom. |
| Boynton, V. G., Mottville. | Elliott, G. C., Coloma. |
| Cadwell, J. R., Okemos. | Engle, D., Grand Rapids. |
| Calkins, L. W., Berlin. | Fassett, N., Homer. |
| Carlisle, J. W. H., Cassopolis. | Ferguson, L. P., Portland. |
| Carrell, M. D., Palo. | Fisher, C. H., Lamont. |
| Cawthorne, J. W., Mill Brook. | Freeman, F. J., Maple Rapids. |
| Chambers, E. C., Victory. | Force, J. P., Plainwell. |
| Chapin, Geo. W., Reese. | |

Fox, C. S., Charlotte.
Fitch, Andrew M., Albion.

Gage, F., North Adams.
George, T. T., Pokagon.
Gillet, D. D., Manistee.
Gillet, A. H., Hillsdale.
Glass, F., Muir.
Gosling, Geo. W., New Buffalo.
Gray, A. T., Mattawan.
Griffin, L. J., Shelby.
Graham, J., Sturgis.
Gulick, J., DeWitt.

Haight, G. L., Quincy.
Hall, Horace, Marshall.
Hall, H. H., ———.
Hall, H. N., Reed City.
Hallenbeck, J. W., Greenville.
Hollowell, J. W., ———.
Hamilton, J., St. Johns.
Hamilton, S. L., Concord.
Harder, J. S., Fowler.
Haviland, D. S., Grand Rapids.
Hemenway, F. D., Evanston, Ill.
Henderson, H. P., Big Rapids.
Hewitt, S. P., Douglass.
Hill, T. J., ———.
Hills, J., Alma.
Hildreth, T. F., Grand Rapids.
Hicks, G. S., Monroe Center.
Hoag, Geo. W., Cooper.
Howe, C. H., Evert.
Hoyt, J., Lagrange.
Hollister, G. E., Lyons.
Hopkins, J. H., Albion.
Hunsberger, A., Litchfield.
Hunsberger, W. A., Albion.

Iddings, J. T., Reading.

Jacokes, Thos. H., Hanover.
Jacokes, C. A., Bath.
Janes, Fred N., Irvington.
Jenkins, W. F., Pewamo.

Jocelyn, George B., Albion.
Johnson, W. W., Grand Rapids.
Jones, Joseph, Baltimore, Md.
Jordan, H. D., St. Louis.
Joy, Henry M., Niles.

Kellogg, E. L., Tekonsha.
Ketcham, A. E., Ludington.
Kitzmiller, S., Carson City.
Knappen, A. A., Mason.

Latham, D. R., Old Mission.
Lee, Geo. D., Constantine.
Lyon, T. Homer.

Marble, E., Allen.
Marsh, N. D., Monterey.
Masters, Levi, Spring Lake.
Mason, U., Parma.
Mechesney, E. S., Climax.
Merritt, S. M., Springport.
McAllister, J. J., Ravenna.
Mills, B. S., Stanton.
Miller, J. W., Three Rivers.
Morgan, H., Grand Rapids.
Mount, Geo. L., Fremont Center.
Moors, A. P., Traverse City.
Marzolf J., Lakeview.
Newton, A. D., Danby.

Odin, J. R., Millburgh.
Olds, C. C., Parma.

Paddock, W. M., Girard.
Parker, H. H., South Haven.
Parsons, D. W., Bowne Center.
Pearce, L. H., Battle Creek.
Peck, H. C., Kalamazoo.
Pengelly, R., Plainwell.
Penfield, H., Three Rivers.
Perrine, W. H., Albion.
Phillips, G. A., Ionia.
Pitezal, J. H., Three Rivers.
Pratt, B. S., Grand Ledge.
Prouty, Wm., Lawton.

Potts, J. H., Jonesville.	Thomas, C. G., Nashville.
	Tuthill, Geo. W., Centerville.
Reid, Jno. M., 805 Broadway N. Y.	Thomas, J. H., Hersey.
Reid, James W., Portland.	Tilden, Wm. L., Charlevoix.
Richards, J. H., South Haven.	
Riley, William, Bellevue.	Van Antwerp, C. F., Otsego.
Robinson, J. W., Niles.	Van Horn, Geo. A., Plainwell.
Robinson, J. M., Sparta.	Van Fleet, J. A., Hesperia.
Robe J. T., Kalamazoo.	Valentine, J. S., Bedford.
Roberts, J., Woodland.	
Rogers, A., Cheboygan.	Ware, W. H., Mt. Pleasant.
Rolfe, A. A., Lansing.	Ward, D. M., White Hall.
Ross, J. H., Burlington.	Wakefield, A., Middleville.
Rork, M. V., Athens.	Wallace, J. F., Laketon.
Russell, A. J., Berrien Springs.	Webster, J., White Pigeon.
	Welch, Rollin C., Albion.
Saunders, N., Morley.	Wheeler, A. J., Saranac.
Sherman, Geo, W., Hastings.	White J., Schoolcraft.
Skinner, I. H., Hawkeye, Nebraska.	White, J. E., Mendon.
Smith, B. W., Onondaga.	White, J. W., Burr Oak.
Smith, M. I., Colon.	Whitman, B. H., Cannonsburgh.
Sparling, E. H., Benton Harbor,	Wightman, I. R. A., St. Joseph.
Spencer, H. F., Kalamazoo.	Wightman, O. E., Byron Center.
Spencer, T. J., Fallassburgh.	Wigle, E., Middleville.
Sprague, J. A., Grand Rapids.	Wilson, S. S., Parkville.
Stark, J. K., Paw Paw.	Wilson, Isaiah, Marcellus.
Steele, S., Northport.	Woodard, D. C., DuPlain.
Steele, N. M., Lawrence.	Woodard, S. C., Hartford.
Stinchcomb, W. R., Elk Rapids.	Worthington, H., Buchanan.
Swift, W. J., Vermontville.	Whitwam, E. A., Dowagiac.
	Warner, S. P., Ovid.
Tallman, I. B., Dowagiac.	Whitmore, O. B., Irving.
Tanner, E. A., Gilead.	Whitney, J. M., Little Traverse.
Tanner, J. H., Liberty.	
Tarr, Levi, Big Rapids.	Young, E. D., Marengo.
Taylor, I., Albion.	

PROBATIONERS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

Brady, Robt. H., Casenovia.	Gould, Amos M., Leroy.
	VanAuken, A. Chauncey, Ithaca.

PROBATIONERS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

Barnes, Joseph A. Newaygo.	Callen, Marshall M., Traverse City.
Brady, John A., Northport.	Downs, Allison O., Potterville.

Darling, Marcellus W., Norwood.	Holm Ephraim S., Howard City.
Floyd, John C, Riverton.	Parish, A. G., Frankfort.
Glover, John T., Coral.	Pearson C. W., Bangor.
Harper William, Oshtemo.	Riehl, Daniel C., Sheridan.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Annual Conferences that they publish in their Conference Minutes annually the names and post-office addresses of all the Local Preachers within their bounds, designating whether the Preacher be an Elder, Deacon, or only licensed. Also that when practicable, they publish in the Minutes brief obituary notices of our Local Preachers.—*Journal*, 1864, p. 256.

The following list is incomplete. Will each Presiding Elder please furnish the Secretary at the next Conference with a complete list of his own district.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Isaac C. Abbot, Galesburg.	Isaac Fairbanks, Holland.
N. Abbot, Galesburg.	Levi Ferguson, Pewamo.
— Ackles, Palo.	D. Goss, Cannonsburg.
Jno. Atkinson, Benton Harbor.	M. W. Hurd, South Boardman.
Dr. E. F. Brown, Hastings.	H. H. Haines, Muskegon.
W. C. H. Bliss, Allegan.	A. E. Hulbert, Palo.
David Bush, Grand Rapids.	A. J. Morse, Holland.
J. C. Barjarow, Otsego.	L. Merwin, Dowagiac.
Ezra Cole, Three Rivers.	J. Rives, Brownstown.
Jno. Compton, Danby.	A. J. Sensabaugh, Frankfort.
John Clayton, Danby.	R. Soule, Watervliet.
Francis Drew, Grand Rapids.	— Van Wyck, Otsego.
William Danbury, Kichland.	Samuel Westlake, Berlin.
S. Daily, Mattewan.	L. J. Wilkinson, Niles.
Wm. Dowlman, Greenville.	

LOCAL DEACONS.

J. E. Alma, Niles.	W. L. Jackways, Cassopolis.
William Barnes, St. Joseph,	J. Lockwood, Kalamazoo.
John Byrnes, Pokagon,	Scott Mathews, Hart.
L. Benson, Fennsville.	Geo. Nada, Charlevoix
W. H. Brown, Allegan.	C. M. Odell, Paw Paw.
Geo. Brown, Irving.	Wm. Penland, Royalton.
Chauncey Crosby, Hastings.	Wm. Peters, Monterey.
Ahaz A. Darling, Hart.	J. R. Skinner, Lawrence.
Chas Gibson, Richland.	C. Stone, Monterey.
L. B. Goodrich, Mendon.	Sanford Snyder, Hesperia.
V. H. Holms, New Troy.	R. Watson, Dowagiac.
Thos. Hubbard, Montague.	Chas. W. Williams, Kasson.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

E. V. Armstrong, Three Rivers.	H. Harwood, Norwood.
Edward Bishop, Amber,	William Heath, Glen Arbor.
N. A. Baker, Edgerton.	Levi Holmes, Midland.
A. C. Barclay, Ada.	D. W. Howell, Pewamo.
E. Bray, Grandville.	A. J. Hall, Niles.
Jesse Brayford, Canonburg.	Jairus Inwood, Charlevoix.
A. J. Benjamin, Cooperville.	John Jeffreys, Pentwater.
J. D. Burt, Lawrence.	John Joliffe, Norwood.
J. Brewer, Irvington.	C. L. King, Kalamazoo.
C. Briggs, Three Rivers.	George Keigle, Woodland.
W. P. Case, Athens.	L. Kenney, Inland.
S. Curtis, Cassopolis.	W. W. Kendall, Nunica.
Henry Covil, Hesperia.	H. O. Lawrence, Lisbon.
Samuel Dickie, Hastings.	Philo Lammon, Wexford.
C. E. Davidson, Wayland.	Joseph Lonnon, South Haven.
Henry C. Downs, Inland.	William McCarty, Bravo.
— Duddler, Clam Lake.	D. R. Mott, Dowagiac.
M. Edee, Decatur.	S. Mihills, Newburg.
C. Emory, Atwood.	Jos. M. Laughlin, Elk Rapids.
Wm. Earle, Ventura.	James Miller, Elk Rapids.
J. T. Emmons, Grandville	Geo. W. McLean, Ravenna.
John Elliott, Nunica.	Geo. Madison, Cannonsburg.
Miner Freeman, Bear Lake.	Jno. N. Miller, Pierpont.
Reuben Fuller, Irving.	A. B. Palmer, Lawrence.
O. J. Golden, Spencer Creek.	G. Parish, St. Joseph.
Peter Greensky, Charlevoix.	D. H. Peirce, Charlevoix.
Thos. Hurst, Byron Centre.	Geo. B. Pearce, Pleasanton.
W. H. Herbert, Grand Rapids.	Asa W. Parish, Reed P. O.
John Hall, Wexford.	A. B. Riggs, Cheboygan.

Stephen Redbird, Northport.
D. B. Schofield, Williamsburg.
D. L. Sterling, Alaska.
H. F. Saddler, Byron Center.
O. D. Spaulding, Hastings.
L. Spaulding, Oakfield Center.
C. W. Smith, Bear Lake.
Sylvenus Slocum, Hesperia.
V. F. Thurston, Frankfort.

J. H. Thomas, Ada.
A. L. Thurston, Manton.
D. Thorpe, Marcellus.
J. H. Wright, Ludington.
Peter S. Weaver, Marcelona.
O. G. Whitman, Monroe Centre.
J. A. Weyant, Hart.
George W. Youker, Traverse City.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

THE PREACHERS' SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY.

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ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known, and called "The Preachers' Savings Fund Society," of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have its office for the transaction of its business at Albion, Calhoun County, in the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

This incorporation shall exist for the period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE III.

The object of this Society shall be to receive money, legacies, bequests, gifts, stocks, bonds, and any kind of securities or property; and hold the same for the benefit of the widows or children of deceased ministers or preachers, who shall be members of this Society, and who shall also be members of the Michigan Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the time of their decease.

It may also hold the above described property, or money for the benefit of such living ministers, members of the Michigan Annual Conference, and of this Society, as in the judgment of this Society

need pecuniary aid, *Provided*, that no part of the funds of this Society shall be applied to the relief of any living minister until his case has been brought before the Society at its annual meeting.

And Provided further, That whenever a member of the said Michigan Annual Conference, who is a member of this Society, shall be Transferred to some other Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he may, by continuing to meet all his obligations to this Society, retain his beneficiary relations thereto while he continues a member in good standing in any Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

And Provided further, That Preachers on trial, in the said Michigan Annual Conference, shall be understood to be entitled to all the rights and benefits of this society, on the same conditions as members of the said Conference who are in full connection.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Nine Trustees, who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen. The officers of the society shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees, and the President shall preside in the meetings of said Board, and of the Society. All elections of officers shall be by ballot and by the society, and all officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, except to fill vacancies, which shall be filled by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

This Society shall hold its annual meeting on the second day of the session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in each year, at the place at which said Conference is held, and a majority of the members present, at such annual meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1.—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of five (\$5.00) dollars, and signing the Articles of Association, and such membership may be continued from year to year, by the payment of two (\$2.00) dollars annually.

SECTION 2.—Any person may become a member for life, of this society, by the payment at one time of fifty (\$50) dollars, and such Life members shall be exempt thereafter, from the payment of the annual dues, which are provided for in section 1, of this article.

SECTION 3.—No person holding membership by the payment of yearly dues, shall be deemed a member, or be entitled to any benefits, or any of the rights and privileges of this society, unless said annual payments are kept up.

ARTICLE VII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and Board of Trustees, and shall perform all the duties belonging to his office, and such other duties as the By-Laws of the Society or the Board of Trustees shall direct, and in his absence, these duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Secretary shall keep accurate Minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Trustees, and cause the same to be recorded in a book provided for that purpose, He shall also receive all moneys paid into the funds of the Society, enter the same on his records, the source from which they came, and pay all moneys or securities over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall receive all money or property, belonging to the Society, and shall hold the same subject to the order of the Board of Trustees. He shall report annually, or oftener, if the Board or the President shall so direct, the state of the finances, and the condition of all property in his hands belonging to the Society. He shall give a bond to the Society, in a penal sum, of at least double the amount in his hands, belonging to the Society, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. All moneys belonging to this Society, except so much as may be necessary to pay the usual running expenses and such appropriations as the Board of Trustees may order according to these articles, shall be funded under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and said board shall have charge of all lands, tenements, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities or effects of every nature whatsoever, and shall invest the same, and cause them to be paid out for the purposes of the Society; *Provided*, that only the interest or profits shall ever be used, except as provided for in a former part of this article, and except also, such special assessments, as are provided for in Article 12, of these Articles of Association. And *provided further*, that at the expiration of the time for which this society is organized, it shall have power to dispose of all its funds and securities, of every nature in such manner as it shall judge proper.

SECTION 2. The Trustees shall have no power to pay out money in violation of article Four (4) of these Articles of Association.

ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 1. Whenever any member of this Association, who is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Annual Conference of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, or one who has been transferred from the said Michigan Annual Conference, to some other Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal church while holding membership in this Association, and who is at the time of his decease, in good standing in this Society and the Conference to which he belongs, shall die the trustees shall cause to be paid to the widow, or if he leave no widow, then to the children of the said deceased minister, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars: *Provided* the said deceased minister has paid into the funds of this Society at least the sum of fifty (50) dollars. But if the whole amount paid by said deceased minister does not amount to fifty (50) dollars, as above stated, then the Trustees shall deduct, from the one thousand (1,000) dollars to be paid to the widow or children as provided for, in section one (1) of this article, such sum as will when added to the sum of the payments of said deceased minister, make the sum of fifty (50) dollars, as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. The payment provided in section one (1) of this article shall be made at the next session of the Michigan Annual Conference succeeding the death of the member.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this society, whenever a death as stated in section one (1) of this article shall occur, to meet as soon thereafter as possible and proceed to estimate the amount which will be in the hands of the Treasurer at the next ensuing session of the Michigan Annual Conference, arising from interest or profits of the invested funds of the society, and also the probable amount arising from the annual dues of membership, and they shall set apart such interest, or profits and three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of such annual payments, to apply on the one thousand (1,000) dollars, provided for in section one (1) of this article. And they shall then assess the balance of the one thousand (1,000) dollars, upon the members of the society, each member being assessed in a sum equal to every other member.

SECTION 4.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member by sending him, a written or printed statement of the amount of his assessment, and request the payment of the same and if the said assessment is not paid, by the next ensuing Annual Meeting of the Society, the name of the member or members thus refusing, or neglecting so to pay shall be stricken from the roll of the Society, and all moneys which the said member, or members, have paid into the funds of the Society shall be forfeited to its use, *Provided*, That no member thus forfeiting his membership by non-payment, shall be entitled to any benefits, until all Assessments and dues shall be paid, and if death occurs during such delinquency all claims shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE XII.

This Society shall hold the money belonging to the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers of said Conference, and commonly known as the "*Parkhurst Fund*." The Treasurer shall report annually and oftener, if called upon by the Trustees or the President the state of said Fund.

The Society shall report annually the state of the Fund, to the said Michigan Annual Conference, and shall pay over the interest which has accrued on said fund, at each session of said Conference, and the order of said Conference, attested by its Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for the payment of said interest.

ARTICLE XIII.

All gifts, legacies, or bequests which shall be made to the Society or placed in its keeping, shall be sacredly kept, held and disbursed according to the terms or conditions, of said gift, legacy, or bequest, and neither the Trustees nor the Society. shall have any power to divert either the principal or interest, or any part thereof, from the purpose designed by the donor of said gift, legacy or bequest.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Articles of this Association may be altered or amended, by a vote of three-fourths of all the members of the Society, at any annual meeting.

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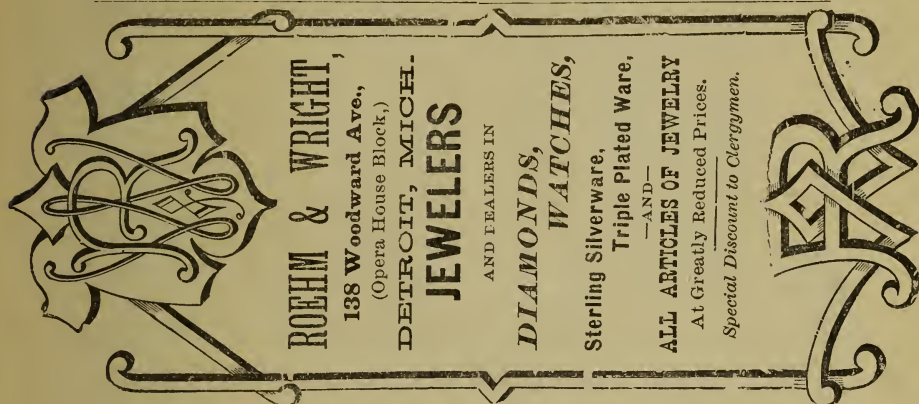
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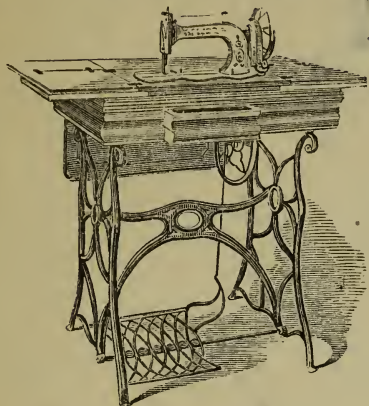
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